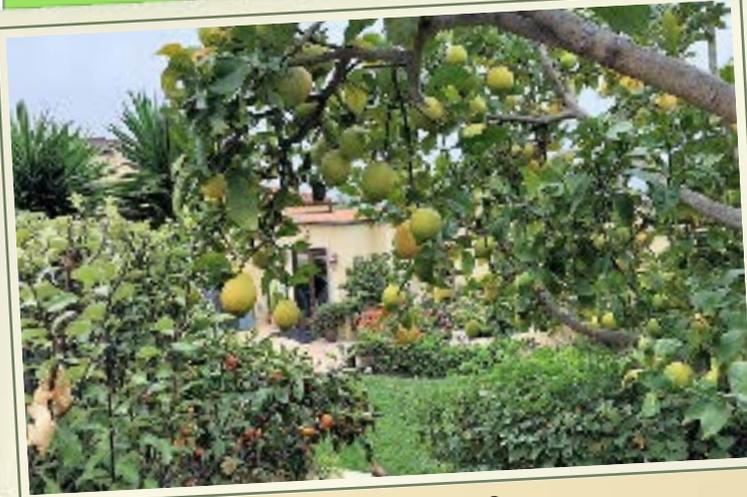


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# Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



May 2018  
MEMBER NEWS

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

COME JOIN IN  
THE FUN

## Events This Month

### General Meeting May 11th

#### Larry Kent

*Kent's Bromeliad Nursery*

(see page 3)

Laguna Presbyterian Church

- 9:30 am social
- 10:00 am meeting



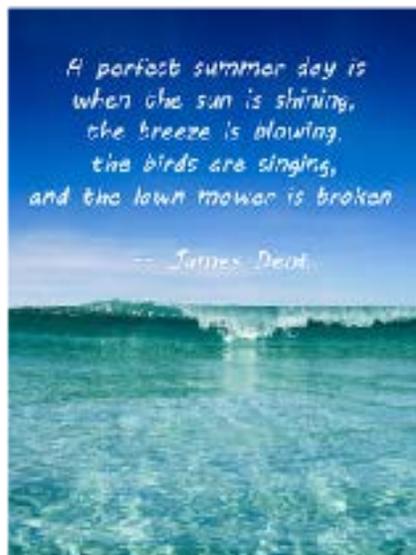
### Green Thumb and Tours & Travel

There will not be a Green Thumb art activity or a Tours & Travel trip in the month of May.

Join us again in September for another year of creativity and horticultural culture.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Ahhh, summer is right around the corner and another year of garden club activities draws to a close. Our successful club is result of thousands of hours of work given by our dedicated members to the community & school gardens, fundraising events, and of course our fabulous Gate & Garden Tour. The planning for next year's activities is already well under way, so spend the summer dodging tourists and we will see you in September!



## President's Message

### Lynn Jax Reflects on Two Very Busy & Rewarding Years

**A**s Spring turns to Summer we approach the end of another season of Garden Club activities, and I look forward to our last meeting to wrap-up this season. **I have truly enjoyed being your President for the past two years.** I have met so many new friends and gotten to know many more of you better. My "President's Theme" has four main parts. • **Get Involved • Make a Difference • Make New Friends • Have Fun.**

I think we all have accomplished many aspects of this goal. A record number of

garden club members volunteered their time for all our activities, including: Green Day at the Sawdust Festival, SmartScape Expo at the Water District, Valentine Plant & Planter Sale, 35 people marched in the Patriots Day Parade, and nearly 100 club members helped out at the Gate & Garden Tour last week. That doesn't include those who regularly volunteer at various gardening sites: Sister Cities Garden, Hortense Miller Garden, and the Pocket Park. I am very impressed with the spirit of

cooperation and camaraderie that all of you exhibit.

Let's continue this inner force of character that you all have within you next year. **I am proud to have served as President of this amazing club.** Thank you all.



**In the spring, at the end of  
the day, you should smell like  
dirt.**

Margaret Atwood

# May Guest Speaker Larry Kent

## *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Bromeliads*

**E**stablished in 1975 by brothers Jeffrey, Larry, and Michael Kent, **Kent's Bromeliad Nursery, Inc.** is devoted exclusively to bromeliads. They provide more than 100 commercial varieties year-round from their 840,000 square-foot nursery.

Kent's Bromeliad Nursery is the source for top quality, flowering bromeliads for all interior uses. Visitors quickly discover that variety, color and quality are hallmarks of every bromeliad Kent's grows for people's homes.

Kent's introduces more new bromeliad varieties than any other breeder annually. They offer the largest selection of bromeliads on the market. More than a dozen of our proprietary varieties have won awards from the Society of American Florists since 1999.

Research has found that bromeliads are one of the best plants for removing air toxins. **Bromeliads are "natural air fresheners"** and can even remove pungent chemicals like acetone from the air. The Plants for Clean Air Council suggests bromeliads can help provide around-the-clock air purification.

Larry will have several samples of his beautiful Bromeliads on hand and will teach care & techniques to help your plants thrive. Come get your free 4" Bromeliad for all Laguna Beach Garden Club Members in attendance!



# The Gate & Garden Tour Delights Visitors on a Sunny May Day

Another successful Gate & Garden Tour is in the books! It was a picture perfect day for the participants to stroll through the lovely gardens of South Laguna, listen to music at the Community Garden and watch the plein air painters capture the beauty around them. The spirit of volunteerism was truly evident as scores of LBGC members ( and some dedicated husbands ) worked tirelessly throughout the day to make this event enjoyable for all. Congratulations to **Nancy Englund** and her AMAZING team, and thank you to the committee for the many hours put in behind the scenes to make this a wonderful day!



Members volunteered to do numerous jobs to make the day a success. After 12 years, Nancy Englund runs a well oiled machine!

Guests of the tour could partake in delicious artisan margaritas made with hand squeezed lime juice ( thanks Lynn Jax & crew ), eat tasty Mexican food, listen to

upbeat music at the Community Garden, and watch artists paint the beauty & whimsy of the gardens.



## Gate & Garden Tour Director Change

# Nancy's Farewell Tour & Karen's New Leading Role

This year's Gate & Garden Tour marks the last one that Nancy Englund will chair for at least two years as she takes on the role of club president. Karen Nelson, membership co-chair, has stepped up to take over the role of tour leader.

Nancy has headed up the tour for 12 years, been a club member for 15 years, and opened her own garden twice to the tour. In 2005, she was instrumental in switching the tour from a "drive-around" event to a walking tour.

What originally attracted Nancy to the job of tour chair was the success of the first walking tour. "It was a 'win-win' for tourgoers and the club," she said. "People had an easier time getting to the gardens, and the club started to see attendance rise. I wanted the walking tour to continue, so I stepped up to chair the fundraiser in 2006 and led it ever since."

Under Nancy's leadership, the combined tours have generated up to \$200,000 in total donations. Proceeds have helped fund educational school gardens, student scholarships, and community projects.

What kept Nancy coming back to head the tour was her love of Laguna. "I think our town is shown off really well by taking a walk on charming streets and in private gardens. The event also gives an opportunity to share

Laguna's unique historical background," she said.

Nancy will continue as a member of the garden tour committee, providing advice and expertise. She is excited that Karen is taking over the tour. "I am sure she will bring fresh ideas and perspectives to putting on the event. She will do a great job," she said.

Karen has been a club member for 3 years, and her garden was on the 2017 tour. She has an extensive background in leading and organizing fundraising events and is looking forward to continuing the club's tradition of hosting the annual walking tour.

"The tour is truly a 'trifecta of opportunity,'" she said. "You get

to help schools, students, and our community, you make friends, and you have a great time seeing spectacular gardens. How can you beat that?"

Karen added that the success of the tour "depends on generous club members who volunteer their time to take on every role from logistics to ticket sales to the raffle, reception and registration – and everything in-between."

Thank you, Nancy, for your years of dedication leading the Gate & Garden Tour. And, thank you Karen, for volunteering to take on the role of tour leader.



Long time Gate & Garden Tour Chair **Nancy Englund** has cultivated a new Director for next year's tour. **Karen Nelson** digs right in to keep the annual walking tour on a steady path.

# Get Ready For Another Great Year @ LBGC



## Laguna Beach Garden Club 2017-2018 Membership Form

Renew your Laguna Beach Garden Club membership by completing this form, attaching a check for \$45 to the bottom portion and bringing it to the April or May meeting or . . . mail to:

Laguna Beach Garden Club, P.O. Box 362, Laguna Beach, CA 92652

Dues paid by Credit Card will be \$50.

**Membership MUST be renewed by June 1, 2017 to be included in the membership book.**

*Print neatly, so that we can accurately record your information in our membership directory.*

*Please check if you are a current member*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

***The success of our club relies on the active participation of the members so it can reach its full potential and meet your high expectations. In addition to volunteering to help with the Gate & Garden Tour, please tell us how else you can be of service to the club.***

***(Check all that apply to your interests and skills.)***

Social Media (Facebook)	Assistant to Vice President of Event	Food set-up at meetings
Event Planning Assistant	Board Member	Fundraising
Excel Data Entry	LBGC merchandise sales	Selling at Plant Table
Grant Writing	Planning group outings & tours	Arts, Painting, Graphics
Audio/Visual set up	Participate in Patriots Day Parade	Planning Green Thumb
Publicity & Marketing	Volunteer at SmartScape	Hands-on Gardening
Website Maintenance	Volunteer at Sawdust Green Day	Welcoming Committee
Bookkeeping	Constant Contact Maintenance	Special Administrator

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### ATTACH YOUR CHECK HERE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your application is considered a photo release, giving the club permission to use any photos taken at club functions for publicity and in social media.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

## State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson Visits The Garden at Top of the World Elementary School

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson paid a visit to Top of the World Elementary School in Laguna Beach today to announce California's 2018 nominees for the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) recognition program. The Green Ribbon program honors schools that conserve resources while promoting health and environmental literacy. After the announcement, Torlakson toured the greenhouse and talked sustainability with the students of Top of the World Elementary, one of four individual schools nominated.

More information is available in the news release at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr18/yr18rel31.asp>

Additional information can be found at the California Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools Award Program Web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/sf/greenribbonprog.asp>



# April's Tours & Travel

## A Fun Excursion to Encinitas & Leucadia

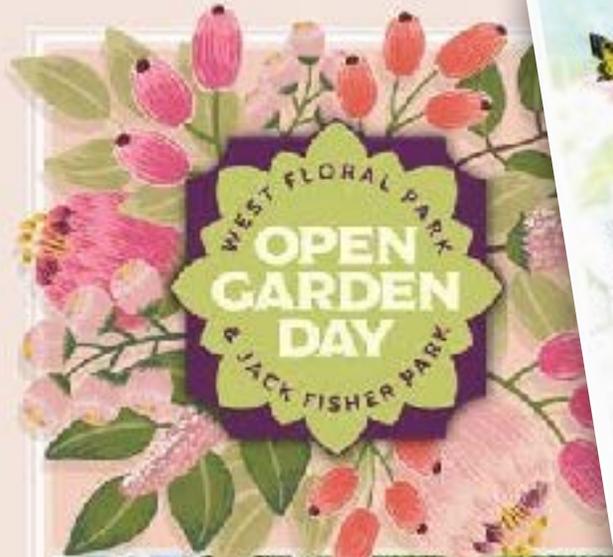
**F**ifteen ready-to-shop LBGC members visited five nurseries on April 27th. We began our day at Anderson's La Costa Nursery, meandered over to Gardens by the Sea and visited Sunshine Gardens before we broke for lunch at the quaint Pannikin Coffee & Tea. Now that we were fortified, we continued the plant retail therapy at Cal Pacific Orchid Farm and finished strong at Weidner's Gardens. Many fun purchases were made and a great time was had by all. Many thanks to Tom Hensel and Synthia Scofield for a well planned event!



**Smart club members drove their SUVs so they had enough room for to take home their treasures. Mary Williams took the prize for the largest item purchased.**



# Garden Events in Our Area



**MAY 12 • 2018**

**MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND**



Tour Beautiful Gardens | Attend Garden Expert Talks  
 Shop the Garden Bazaar | Enjoy Vintage Autos & Food Truck Treats  
 PLUS: Experience Our Guided Front Yard Tours



*Come See How Our Gardens Grow*

WWW.OPENGARDENDAY.COM

## Lake Forest Garden Club

### Plant Sale & Garden Boutique

**Sat. May 7, 2016 8 am - 1 pm**

Mother's Day weekend, come buy beautiful flower arrangements, potted plants, succulent baskets, garden boutique treasures and enter the raffle to win 4 tickets to Disneyland!

Lake Forest Beach and Tennis Club parking lot,  
 22921 Ridge Route Dr., Lake Forest, CA 92630

Proceeds go to: horticultural scholarships, elementary school butterfly kits and civic beautification.

### DON'T FORGET

<p>DRINK WATER.</p>	<p>GET SUNLIGHT.</p>	<p>YOU'RE BASICALLY A HOUSE PLANT WITH MORE COMPLICATED EMOTIONS.</p>
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# Proposed Changes in the By-Laws

## Voting on these By-Law changes will take place at the May 11th meeting

### **By-Laws of Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc.**

Proposed Revisions – presented to the Board on 4/23/2018 & approved

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#### **Article IV – Meeting of Membership**

**Section 3.** During the meeting in May the annual reports of the President and Treasurer shall be presented and the newly-elected Board of Directors shall be installed.

**Section 5.** A Budget Committee (to include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Director of Ways and Means and up to two [2] members at large) shall be appointed by the President and the Board of Directors and announced at the January Board meeting.

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#### **Article V – Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** The control and management of the affairs, funds and property of LBGC shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Any board member can be removed from the position for cause by a 2/3 vote of the board if she/he fails to fulfill the tasks of the office.

**Section 3.** Vacancies on the Board shall occur upon lapse of membership or resignation. A vacancy may be declared by the Board upon unanimous vote of the other members of the Board.

**Section 4.** In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board the remaining members shall elect a substitute director who will serve until the next regular election is held.

**Section 5.** Regular monthly meetings of the Board shall be held on the fourth Monday of each month, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by mail, email, or phone.

**Section 6.** Quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.** No member of the Board shall incur any indebtedness unless authorized by a vote of the Board.

**Section 8.** Board members will avoid making autonomous decisions that deviate and appreciatively affect the previously agreed upon procedures and practices of the club without prior notification of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE VI – Annual Elections**

**Section 1.** The Board shall be elected by the membership at the meeting in April of each year. The Board shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected, installed, or appointed. Two (2) years of club membership shall be a requisite for nomination for President. Term limits for President and Treasurer shall be not more than two (2) consecutive years or until their successors are elected or appointed.

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## **ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall consist of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Past President, and the Directors of: Membership, Ways & Means, Gate & Garden Tour, Publicity, and Website.

## **Page 53 (same ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors)**

**Section 14.** The board members shall perform such other duties as they may designate. All board members shall provide to the President any updates in their duties for the prior year, and annually each board member shall provide a full job description and present it to the Board.

## **ARTICLE IX – DUES**

**Section 1.** The annual membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall be set forth in the Standing Rules. Membership dues shall be due and payable on May 1 and delinquent after June 1. The late fee shall be established by the Board of Directors and set forth in the Standing Rules.

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### **The Standing Rules**

10. The Standing Rules can be amended as deemed by the Board of Directors.

## Showery Spring Centerpiece



**Linda Hume's** colorful combination of Hydrangeas and umbrellas reminded us that "April showers bring May flowers". Her arrangement brought a bit of whimsy to the treat table at the April General meeting.

## Volunteer of the Month

**Diane Lannon** was honored to receive Volunteer of the Month recognition for April. Diane's never ending efforts to publicize the events and accomplishments of the garden club are much appreciated! She received a Starbucks card from Vice President **Mariann Keenan**.



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