



LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB

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Weeder's Digest

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Editor's Note

Wow! How can it be that time goes by so quickly? Eight short months ago I sat in this very same spot, at this very same computer, facing the task of writing this newsletter for the very first time. I had no experience on this Publisher program, had never done anything like this before, and I really didn't know where or how to begin. With the help of the former newsletter editor, and other board members, I was able to get it done. As the months went by, I learned more and more, I grew so much, and I met so many wonderful and amazing people. I want to thank all of you that helped me, that took the time to seek me out personally or to send me emails to tell me how much you were enjoying the newsletter, what you really liked about it, and why. It really meant tons to me, and really made me want to work harder to keep you all happy.

I feel bittersweet now, writing my last newsletter, as I am moving on to a new position as VP of Programs on the Board of Directors. Leaving what I am now comfortable with, on to something, yet again, that is a totally new and unknown territory for me. Another opportunity to challenge myself while continuing to uphold the quality of speakers our Club is known for, and that you, our members expect.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring you this publication this year, and for allowing me to begin my new journey as your VP of Programs next year!

Lisa Fecteau

General Meeting

Friday, May 13

Laguna Presbyterian Church, 415 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach

9:30 am Social - 10:00 am meeting

May Speaker

Chris Lutz - May 13, 2016

“Bromeliads in Our Drying Climate and Use in Landscaping”

Our very own Chris Lutz will present “Bromeliads in Our Drying Climate and Use in Landscaping” at our last meeting for this season, May 13, 2016. Chris’ vast expertise on growing Bromeliads, succulents, palms, bamboo and Stag-horn ferns is apparent in his collection of nearly 4000 plants at his Dana Point garden, which covers nearly 13,000 square feet.

For those of you who have visited Chris’s house, you understand what a treat is in store for Garden Club members because our Tours & Travel last expedition for this season is set to experience Chris Lutz’s “Bromeliad Heaven”, scheduled for **Wednesday, May 18.**

Please **NOTE** and make the change of date in your membership book.



Upcoming Events

Gate & Garden Tour

It's almost here!!! Everyone is working hard on the last minute details to make sure everything is in place for Friday, May 6. It's not too late to remind friends and family to buy their tickets for the tour or surprise them with some!!! Tickets can be purchased on our website or at the following locations:

Laguna Nursery, Laguna Beach Books, Laguna Drug, Tides Inn in Laguna, and Dana Point Nursery. On the day of the tour, a limited number of \$50 tickets will be available at Arabella.

Reminder: The volunteer pre-tour of the gardens will take place on Wednesday, May 4. Please meet at Arabella Laguna Cottages, 506 North Coast Highway, at 10:00 am. This tour is for volunteers only.

Gate & Garden Tour - Cookie Delivery

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to bake cookies for our guests on the tour. You can deliver your baked delights to any of these sites, choose the one that is most convenient for you.

Jackie Knauer: South Laguna

949-275-2849

jackieknauer@gmail.com

30701 Marilyn Drive

Take Wesley Drive off Coast Highway by CVS/Gelson's Center and turn left onto Marilyn Drive. If Jackie is not home, she will have a cooler in an enclosed courtyard in the front of her home where you can leave your cookies.

Cookie Delivery Instructions - Continued

Jorja Puma: North Laguna

949-922-0918

paja143@me.com

530 High Drive

Between Myrtle and Hawthorne

If Jorja is not home, you can leave you cookies on her back patio on the ledge attached to the house (walk up steps on right hand of the house) OR you can leave with Mary Williams (CALL FIRST) who lives across the street.

Mary Williams: North Laguna

949-280-9845

mjwilliams11@me.com

535 High Drive

Lisa Fecteau: Laguna Niguel

949-463-6393

lisamichelle2526@gmail.com

28401 Clareton Drive

Gate Code: #0742

Use gate on Glenrock off of Crown Valley Parkway. If Lisa is not home, there will be a cooler on the front patio where you can leave your cookies.

Friday deliveries will be directly to Arabella Laguna, 506 North Coast Highway. Please try to deliver before 11:00 am. Remember, cookies need only to be packaged for travel, we will plate them nicely at Arabella on tour day!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Tours and Travel

Wednesday, May 18 - Chris Lutz Home

Join us on Wednesday, May 19, 2016 as Chris Lutz takes us through Bromeliad Heaven at his home. After our private tour, we will visit another mystery location. Time to be determined. Please visit our Tours and Travel table at the May general meeting for more information and to R.S.V.P. We hope to see you there!

Green Thumb

Friday, May 20, 9:30 am

Natalie Harlow-Alison Home - see directory for address

Come join us on our last Green Thumb project of our 2015-2016 year, as Natalie helps us to build our very own Flower Tower! It is the perfect way to close out another amazing 9 months together, full of learning, gardening, teaching, growth, laughter and wonderful memories!

We hope to see you there! Please R.S.V.P. at our May meeting to reserve your spot.

Sister Cities Garden Maintenance

Monday, May 2 is the last chance we have to spruce up The Sister Cities Garden in Heisler Park before it becomes a stop on the bus ride for the Gate & Garden Tour. Please join us at 10:00 am, bring along your favorite gardening tools, and help to be a part of this beautification project that so many locals and tourist enjoy each and every day.

If you would like more information, please contact Cathy Bosko. You can find her contact information in your membership directory.

Thanks in advance for your help!!!

"The May pole is up, Now give me the cup; I'll drink to the garlands around it; But first unto those whose hands did compose the glory of flowers that crown'd it". - Robert Herrick, The May-pole 1660

Annual Photo Contest Winners

Seven entries were submitted to Laura McCants, chairperson for our Annual Photo Contest. At the April meeting of our board directors, Laura presented those entries to us to be voted on. A big thank you goes out to all that participated:

Jackie Souadjian, Mary Paulsen, Marilyn Alexander, Nancy Englund, Lynn Jax, Kathleen Kane, and Maggie Siegel.

Our winners were:

Nancy Englund, Front Cover



Kathleen Kane, Back Cover



Good to Know

Hypertufa Pots - How-To

Our Green Thumb project in May was learning how to make Hypertufa pots. We met at Nancy Englund's house and she led us all in the creation of some pretty spectacular pots! Here is the recipe that we used that day. It is really quite simple, all you need is some time and patience!

1. Wearing rubber gloves and a dust mask to avoid breathing in cement dust, mix **3 parts perlite, 3 parts peat moss, and 2 parts Portland Cement** in a plastic tub. If desired, add cement pigment for color.
2. Add water to tub, a bit at a time, until mixture has the consistency of moist cottage cheese.
3. Spray the inside of mold very generously with cooking oil or cooking spray. Push a handful of wet hypertufa mixture firmly against the bottom of the mold. Repeat until you have a bottom base that is approximately 1" thick. Push handfuls of wet hypertufa mixture firmly against the sides of the mold to approximately a 3/4" thickness. Press bottom and sides firmly to remove any air pockets
4. Create drainage holes by pushing your finger or a small dowel through the bottom of mold so that it penetrates the hypertufa mixture.
5. Cover the mold with a plastic bag, let dry for at least 48 hours.
6. Take plastic bag off and remove pot from mold (pot will be slightly wet). If desired, use a wire brush or sandpaper sponge to rough up the surface of the hypertufa for a more rustic appearance.
7. Allow to dry for 2 months before planting.
8. For baskets, cut or burn off in a barbecue after one week or more.

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Refreshment Table

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May Refreshments Provided By:

Dalynn Malek, Synthia Scofield, Marilyn Ghery, Marcia Yury, Pam Bisson, Fay Jacobs, Sue Goldberger, Marcy Horenstein, Jinx Langemak, Mary Rose Daniels, Mariann Keenan, Elizabeth Kramer, Diane Lannon, Susan Colman-Freyberger and Fay Bowman.

Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments this year!!!

Plant Table and Penny Pines

Once again, we beat our prior month's donations for both our Plant Table and Penny Pines! The totals from April's Plant Table was a whopping \$311.50! Our collections for Penny Pines reached \$139.79!

Let's keep it up this month!

Thank you to all who donated this year!

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www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

May at a Glance

May 2, 16, 30 - Sister Cities Garden Maintenance, @ Jasmine St. @ Cliff Dr., 10:00 am,

May 6 - 2016 Gate & Garden Tour, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, begin at Arabella Laguna

May 13 - General Meeting, 9:30 social, 10:00 meeting. Speaker: Chris Lutz: "Bromeliads in Our Drying Climate and Use in Landscaping", Laguna Presbyterian Church

May 18 - Tours and Travel, Bromeliad Heaven @ the home of Chris Lutz & another local mystery location

May 20 - Green Thumb - Flower Tower at home of Natalie Harlow-Alison, 9:30 am

Springtime In My Soul

*"Some will tell you crocuses are heralds true of Spring,
Others say that tulips showing buds are just the thing.
Point to peonies, say when magnolia blossoms show,
I look forward to the sight of other flowers though.
Cultivate your roses, grow your orchids in the dark,
Plant your posies row on row and stink up the whole park.*

The flower that's my favorite kind

Is found throughout the land,

A wilting, yellow dandelion,

Clutched in a grubby hand.

- Larry Tilander