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Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



May 2017
MEMBER NEWS

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

Spending a day strolling through ten beautiful gardens in Laguna Beach, then sipping a freshly made margarita—it doesn't get any better than that!
Join us for the annual Gate & Garden Tour on May 5th.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN

Events This Month

Gate & Garden Tour
May 5th

Cinco de Mayo is the date
Get ready for a fabulous spring tour. See page 2 for more details.

General Meeting May 12th

Karen Chapman
Foliage First- The California Edition
(see page 3)
Laguna Presbyterian Church • 9:30 am social 10:00 am meeting



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

This is a mini version of our newsletter because I will be out of town until just before our general meeting and I wanted to make sure everyone had the news for May. We have our major fundraiser of the year, the annual **Gate & Garden Tour on Friday May 5th (Cinco de Mayo)** and I wanted to make sure everyone is planning to join in the fun. The



committee has spent hours planning this event so it will be will be the best one ever! Contact **Jeanne Yale 497-9400 jeanne.yale@cox.net** if you want to join in the fun of being a garden hostess, helping at Arabella, or any other of the jobs that need to be filled to make this the most profitable tour we have ever had.
An end-of-the-year newsletter will be published later in May as a summary of the terrific year we had at LBGC.

Green Thumb May 20th

Decorate a Pot
At the home of Natalie Harlow-Alison
194 Acacia Dr. Laguna Beach
9:30 am



2017 Gate & Garden Tour Will Be a Fiesta of Fabulous Garden Finds

The largest garden of the ten featured on this year's **Gate & Garden Tour on May 5th**, is a jaw-dropping tropical paradise on Bluebird Canyon Drive that sits on a half acre of terraced grounds with a stream running through it. **Joanie Rowe** has owned this property since the early '70s – 46 years. She says that the garden is a tribute to her late husband Ron's vision and tireless work. The couple had a great backyard canvas to begin with, and they hauled every rock, plank and plant up the steep hill to create a lush and wild wonderland.

The Gate & Garden Tour on Cinco de Mayo will offer tacos, margaritas, wine, beer and agave plants for sale – as well as free homemade cookies and refreshments, craft displays, plein air painters, and a raffle.

Tickets are \$45 in advance at LagunaBeachGardenClub.org and at Laguna Nursery, Laguna Beach Books, Laguna Drug, Tides Inn and Dana Point Nursery.



Brooks Street is the neighborhood of the gardens featured on the tour



Joanie Rowe welcomes all to her tropical paradise garden on the May 5th tour

Gate & Garden Tour Chair Nancy Englund has found an amazing collection of gardens for the annual spring tour.



May Guest Speaker Karen Chapman Gives Us *Three Easy Steps to Turn Your Garden From Frumpy to Fabulous*

Born in England, I grew up with a trowel in my hand. After moving to the Pacific Northwest in 1996 I joined one of the leading garden nurseries as a garden plant specialist. Helping hundreds of customers create beautiful combinations of plants to enhance their outdoor living spaces was always a delight. Ten years later I established Le jardinet in order to provide a service that takes all the time, stress and guesswork out of the design process for you.

In the recent past I have taught container gardening at [Edmonds Community College](#), and continue to teach both container and landscape design in [workshops](#) at my home as well as being a garden design instructor for the international community [Craftsy](#).

Listed on the [Great Garden Speakers](#) website, I frequently give [presentations](#) at international national flower & garden shows, trade conferences, nurseries and garden clubs.

When I'm not teaching design or talking about it I am usually writing inspirational design articles on my [blog](#), while I am also a regular contributor to several print and online

publications including Fine Gardening, Sunset Magazine blog and as the former PNW garden writer for [Houzz](#). My award winning book [Fine Foliage](#), co-authored with Christina Salwitz (St. Lynn's Press) was released in February 2013 to wide acclaim and we have high hopes for our **new book** [Gardening with Foliage First](#) (Timber Press, 2017)

I have appeared on Komo 4 and King 5 TV as well as being a regular guest of Ciscoe Morris on Kiro radio.

I specialize in creating artistic plant combinations with a four season foliage framework, functional outdoor living spaces and deer resistant, summer-dry designs, it would give me great pleasure to help you create your perfect *jardinet* and share my love of gardening with you.



Karen is the author of a new book ***Gardening With Foliage First*** and her first book ***Fine Foliage***

Get Ready For Another Great Year @ LBGC

Renew your membership at the May meeting. Fill out the form online and bring it to the meeting or just fill out the form at the meeting. Available now: go to the website to renew directly.

Dues paid by credit card will be \$50.00. Dues become delinquent after June 1st and member might not be included in the membership book. -Jeanne Yale



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 note any changes from last year.

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.)

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| 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 _____

Stunning Spring Centerpiece



Diane Lannon's beautiful combination of Hydrangeas and Irises added a pop of color to the treat table at the April General meeting. The tiny complementary colored yellow Mums enhanced the purple Irises, making this a spring time beauty.

Volunteer of the Month

You never know when your name will be called to be selected as Volunteer of the month as **Sally Pack**, April's honoree knows. Sally was surprised to find that she was picked and happy to receive this lovely orchid from Vice President **Lisa Fecteau**.



Penny Pines Plantation Honorees



President **Lynn Jax** presented certificates to **Ruben Flores** and **Nancy Lawrence** signifying that they will have plantings done in their name in the Cleveland National Forest. Their tireless support and efforts on behalf of LBGC made them an easy choice for this honor.



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