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Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



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MEMBER NEWS

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

Friends and family gather at this time of year to share a meal and create new memories to add to the collection of ones we already have. We grow the friendship & love.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting Nov. 11th

Sean Hogan

New Colors & Textures for the Garden. (see page 3) Laguna Presbyterian Church • 9:30 am social 10:00 am meeting

Tours & Travel Nov. 17th



Tillandsia Heaven

Travel to world famous Rainforest Tropicals Nursery in Torrance & visit the largest tillandsia & bromeliad nursery on our area.(see page 5). Meet at St. Catherine's on Temple Terrace at 9 am.

Green Thumb Nov. 18th

Decorated Stepping Stone



Meet at the home of Natalie Harlow-Alison 194 Acacia Dr. Laguna Beach 9:30am. (see page 6)

• Price to be determined

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

I'm thankful for the friendships I have made since I became a member of the garden club. It's fun to be involved with a group who has a like interest in making their garden and their community a more beautiful place to enjoy. One of the best features of Laguna Beach Garden Club is the diverse range of involvement opportunities offered each month for the members. I've yet to find one that wasn't "user friendly". The succulent decorated pumpkins I made were a big hit at my

family's Oktoberfest where the winner of our annual Bingo game took home a large fall pumpkin as grand prize. Check out the wide range of activities offered this month, there is everything from digging in the dirt, to mosaic stepping stones to get your creative spirit growing!



President's Message

Harvesting the Volunteer Spirit

October was a whirlwind month for activities for the Garden Club. In addition to our regularly scheduled General Meeting on 10/14, Green Thumb on 10/21, and Tours & Travel on 10/28, we held three other events- Succulent Pumpkin creations on 10/19, New Member Luncheon on 10/20, and the Holiday Shopping Galleria on 10/27.

Our first ever Holiday Shopping Galleria was held at Arabella Laguna on October 27. Eleven vendors donated 10% of their sales. The club sold succulent pumpkins & wreaths, holiday-themed hand-painted gourds, gardening gloves, and raffle tickets. Our preliminary profits were nearly \$1800, not bad for a first time effort. I applaud the 20% of our total membership of nearly 200 who supported this event, including volunteers, board members, & attendees. For our future events, if your schedule prevents you from physically participating, please note

that you can still support your club's efforts by purchasing raffle tickets, donating a raffle item, delivering flyers prior to the event, and inviting your friends to attend. Remember, Laguna Beach Garden Club grows with the support of all its members.

On another note, while the highlight of our meetings is our spectacular speaker, it is my duty as your president to inform you about the activities in which your garden club is involved. Many items are time-sensitive or invite you to sign-up to volunteer. Because it is the beginning of our year, numerous announcements are imperative. I make every effort to minimize the length of the business meeting. All speakers are allotted an hour to speak; therefore, if their presentation begins at 10:45, it should conclude by 11:45. With that in mind, please make any appointment you might have for after noon. But if you

must leave early, please sit at the back of the room as to minimize any potential disruption.

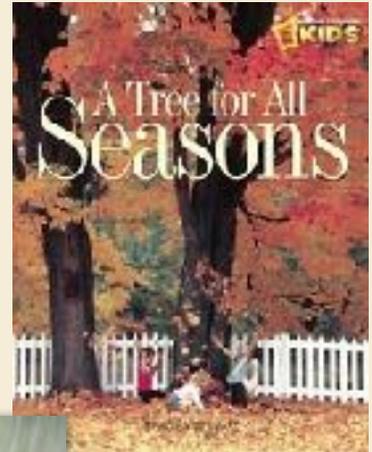
Please know that as a non-profit organization much of our focus is to give back to the community. On page six you'll find a concentrated list of the club's activities showing the scope of Laguna Beach Garden Club's community involvement. The page numbers in parenthesis refer to the page location in your Membership Book, where more information is available.



Guest speaker Sean Hogan presents “New Colors & Textures for the Garden” at the November meeting

Sean Hogan started in the nursery industry at the age of 3, rooting boxwood cuttings and succulents in the sandbox of his Portland, Oregon boyhood home. His family later moved to Sacramento where he pursued his education at American River College and Sacramento State in the areas of horticulture and botany. Early work included mapping rare and endangered plants, mostly Cactaceae and Portulacaceae, for the State of California as well as landscape and design work, often revolving around his love of western natives.

From the mid-80's to the mid-90's, Hogan served as the curator of the South African, New Zealand, Australian, New World Desert and the California Native Cultivar Gardens of the University of California, Berkeley, Botanic Garden. In 1995, he and his partner, University of California, Davis Arboretum Botanist Parker Sanderson, returned to Hogan's native Portland to start a design and consultation firm specializing in regionally appropriate plants for the Pacific Northwest.



Sean Hogan is the owner of Cistus Nursery on Sauvie Island in Oregon

This work eventually evolved into their opening of Cistus Nursery, located on Sauvie Island in the Columbia River outside Portland, widely held to be among best of the west coast retail micro-nurseries.

Hogan has lectured extensively in North America and Europe, often about his explorations of South America, South Africa, and the western regions of the United States and northern Mexico. His writing and photos can be found in an extremely wide range of horticultural and botanical literature and magazines.

He edited the 20,000 plus entry *Flora*, published by Timber Press in October 2003 and published *Trees for All Seasons* with Timber Press in 2008.

Sean's objective is to popularize - through education, outreach, example, and hopefully contagious enthusiasm - the unlimited joys of the plant world. Currently, his focus has been on the introduction of new and appropriate plants to Western North America, and specifically, the popularization of under-used and unknown plants for summer-dry climates.

Luncheon welcomes New Members to the Garden Club

We are pleased to announce that LBGC's first Welcome Committee Lunch was an unequivocal success! The garden party held on Thursday October 20th, was hosted by the newly formed Ambassadors/Welcome Committee, and was held at Karen Nelson's home. The luncheon was attended by new members from the months of April, May, September, and October of 2016. **New members** Patty Darnall, Elizabeth Gemora, Diane Alvarez, Sandi Van Doren, Tracy Hartman, and Lorraine

Adriance were the guests of honor at the sunny October afternoon luncheon. Board Members Lynn Jax and Dalynn Malek joined the ambassadors in getting to know our new members and to discover their interests in order to help them get all they can out of their LBGC membership.

Please join us in giving all our new members a warm welcome at each monthly meeting. Remember, there are no strangers here, only friends you haven't yet met!

We look forward to another New Member event at Connie Maxsenti's home on Monday February 27, 2017.

-Karen Nelson



October Tours & Travel adventure found us in two gardens in Mission Viejo

On a sunny and blustery Friday, Tours and Travel met at the home of Mariann Keenan in Mission Viejo. Her gardens are a succulent-lover's delight! Many different specimens, beautiful pots, and art pieces showing how a yard can change from average grass and flowers to an imaginative wonderland in four short years. Thank you, Mariann,

for opening up your home to us.

Next, we were met by Elizabeth & Bill Kramer at Casa del Sol. They led us through the grounds to the Heritage Gardens, which are maintained by volunteers in the community. It is a small botanical garden with plants ranging from huge trees to a butterfly garden chock full of plants. There are teaching materials throughout. Then we

walked over to the vegetable/fruit gardens; each one planted and maintained by residents. An amazing variety of plants were being grown! After the gardens, we stayed on the grounds and had our bag lunches with candy having been provided by the Kramers.

- Synthia Scofield



Tours & Travel • November 17th Rainforest Tropical Nursery

**We will travel to the world famous Rainforest
Tropicals Nursery in Torrance and visit the largest
tillandsia (air plants) & bromeliad nursery in our area.**

Meet at 9 am at St. Catherine's on Temple Street to
carpool. Bring a friend, it's free!

CLUB NEWS

Green Thumb • November 18th • Mosaic Stepping Stone



Brighten a corner of your garden with a handmade stepping stone you create at the **November Green Thumb**. Join in the fun at 9:30 am at the home of Natalie Harlow-Alison, 194 Acacia Dr, Laguna Beach.

The cost for this fun workshop is yet to be determined.

Chris Ranabarger Volunteer of the Month

Chris Ranabarger's name was drawn from the volunteer basket and she received a rustic pumpkin from Vice President Lisa Fecteau as her reward.

Chris participated at several garden club events this month including gardening at the Laguna Playhouse.



GETTING TO KNOW LBGC

Involvement

This is a partial list of activities showing the the scope of Laguna Beach Garden Club's community involvement. Page numbers in parenthesis refer to Membership Book page numbers.

Contributions: School Gardens

- Thurston Middle School
- Top of the World Elementary
- El Morro Elementary
- Laguna Presbyterian Pre-School
- Anneliese (SEEDS)
- Sent four representatives to attend the Alice teacher Waters Edible School Yard Academy five day workshop (June 2016)

Maintenance & Planting in the Community

- Forest Ave Pocket Park
- Laguna Library Planters
- Milkweed for Monarch Butterflies
- Heisler Park:
- Monument Park Rose Garden
- Plants around Melaleuca tree
- Sister City Garden

Community Participation

- Patriots Day Parade (page 9)
- Green Day at Sawdust Festival (page 9)
- Water District's SmartScape Expo (page 12)
- Memorial Day Plant Presentation (page 9)
- Plants for library & community center for National Garden Week (page 63)

Support of Community Organizations

- Laguna Canyon Foundation
- South Laguna Community Garden
- Hortense Miller Garden
- Laguna Beach Girl Scout Garden
- Blue Bell Monarch Butterfly Garden
- Penny Pines

Scholarship Presentations

- Laguna Beach High School
- Saddleback College
- Laguna College of Art and Design (LCAD)

Professional Speakers (from September to May) educational presentations on garden-related topics (page 12 – 20)

Succulent Pumpkin Brigade

On October 19th a group of club members met at the home of Elaine Davis to create succulent pumpkins to sell at the Holiday Shopping Galleria event. We decorated a total of 17 large pumpkins and 15 mini pumpkins. We have a few of these living art pieces left after the event.

You will have an opportunity to “gobble” up an adorable, handmade creation as a Thanksgiving centerpiece or to bring as a hostess gift. **Special discount prices at the November 11 meeting only.** Buy a pumpkin and support your club at the same time.



Armed with glue guns and an array of succulents, a team of members crafted these fall decorations to sell at the Holiday Galleria.

Green Thumb Workshops Cultivate Members' Creativity

On October 21st nine members attended the succulent wreath workshop held at the home of Jeanne Yale. Jeanne has been leading this Green Thumb activity for four years as it continues to be a popular event. Each wreath had its own unique look and they all turned out beautifully. Attending the wreath workshop were Lisa Fecteau, Kathie Farley, Marilyn Ghere, Lynn Jax, Mary Jones, Diane Kloke, Diane Lannon, Lisa Mahar and Donna Wadsworth. Many thanks go to Diane Lannon for once again bringing the delicious homemade scones. Several members donated their wreaths to the Holiday Shopping Galleria which was held on October 27th at Arabella Laguna.



Kathie Farley proudly shows the results of her first ever Green Thumb workshop- the every popular succulent wreath.



Lynn Jax & Diane Lannon with the results of their wreath creativity.



Where in the world is LBGC?



While visiting the Davis Estates Winery in Calistoga, Calif., Mary Williams let her LBGC baseball cap shield her eyes from the fall sun.

Inaugural Holiday Galleria Gathers a Profit

On a cool autumn day at Arabella Laguna, the garden club held the first Holiday Galleria. Shoppers could purchase fantasy fairy planters, ceramics from Laguna Coast Pottery, jewelry & pearls, hand painted gourds, Asian inspired jewelry & plant sticks, succulent wreaths and pumpkins, hand sewn gift items & color pencil drawings. A crepe chef and wine tasting booth satisfied the appetites that grew from all of the shopping. Perry Stampfel gave presentations about a travel opportunity to Africa (see page 11 for more details) and the raffle drawing at the end of the day had many shoppers going home winners.



The rain from the previous day was no where in sight as the vendors set up their tables of wonderful gift items.



Laguna Playhouse Planters Get TCL From LBGC

Last month Cathy Bosko, Chris Ranabarger and Diane Lannon rejuvenated ten succulent container gardens around the Laguna Playhouse patio. They discovered a gorgeous Staghorn fern hiding behind some foliage. The Playhouse staff was very appreciative of their efforts and thanked the ladies as the staff got ready for a Matinee performance. The future plan is to have a monthly planting group get the containers started and apply mulch to the small gardens in the entrance.

Please contact Diane Lannon if you're interested in helping for a couple hours.

[949-374-2696](tel:949-374-2696) (cell)



Happy to dish the dirt, Diane Lannon, Chris Ranabarger and Cathy Bosko spent the morning sprucing up the patio at the Laguna Playhouse.



OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER GARDENING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

CENTENNIAL FARM Garden Classes

PRUNING FRUIT TREES

FEES: \$5 LOCATION: SILO BUILDING

LEARN THE BEST TIME TO PRUNE STONE FRUIT TREES, CITRUS TREES, AND AVOCADO TREES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ISABEL BARKMAN, A UCCCE ORANGE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER, WILL COVER THE BASICS OF PRUNING AND WHY THE PRUNING SEASON HERE IS DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY AND WILL ALSO PREPARE ATTENDERS FOR THE HANDS-ON FRUIT PRUNING WORKSHOP IN JANUARY.



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TRAVEL and TAX DEDUCTION

Have you ever thought about taking an African safari? Now is your chance. You can enjoy your dream trip and make a significant donation to your beloved Garden Club. Zulu Nyala Private Game Preserve offers this trip only to non-profits. Because LBGC is a non-profit charitable organization, \$1,000 of the \$2,000 trip for two, is tax deductible. You have two years schedule your trip. See the flyer below.

Lynn Jax and Dalynn Malek along with their husbands traveled to South Africa this past August and spent 6 days and nights at the Zulu Nyala Private Game Preserve. Lynn Jax's husband Perry will "man" a table at the November meeting to answer all your questions and offer travel suggestions.

EXPERIENCE AN AFRICAN SAFARI AT ZULU NYALA PRIVATE GAME PRESERVE

WARM HOSPITALITY MEETS OLD COLONIAL GRACE

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF AFRICA



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Enjoy a 6-day all inclusive safari package for 2 people for \$2,000

Located 3 hours by car north of Durban, South Africa, the Zulu Nyala Game Preserve offers a wide variety of interesting & exciting activities including cultural villages, wildlife interaction, and twice daily game drives to view the preserve's animals up close.

- Package includes six days in an elegant stone & thatched lodge that is perched on a hill top inside the Zulu Nyala Private Game Preserve.
- All game drives and meals are included. Airfare is **not** included in this package.
- Accommodations feature panoramic views from many common areas & fully air-conditioned, luxurious ethnic styled suites.
- The grounds feature a library, pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts and a game room with pool tables. There is also a shop featuring local native arts & crafts in the lobby area.
- Three delicious meals a day are included from the expansive buffet in the dining room.
- Enjoy a cocktail as you watch the African sunset from the lodge's balcony overlooking the game preserve in the valley below.
- Animals that freely roam the game preserve are: elephants, white & black rhino, nyala, zebra, wilde beest, giraffe, wart hog, hippos, buffalo & cheetah.
- \$1,000 of the trip cost is tax deductible
- Laguna Beach Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization Federal Tax ID #23-7297058

October Table Decoration was Scary Good!

The fantastically frightening fall table decoration at the October general meeting was designed by **Pam Hagen**. She embellished the snack table with a spectacularly spooky Halloween table scape and was “dressed to kill” as well.



FRIENDS OF HORTENSE MILLER GARDEN

Farmers Market Garden Décor & Plant Sale • November 19th, 2016

The Friends of the Hortense Miller Garden will offer unique garden décor and wonderful plants from the Hortense Miller Garden to raise funds and awareness of this hidden jewel in Laguna Beach. The Friends of the Hortense Miller Garden maintain and improve the garden and have restored the Mid-Century Modern house built in 1958.

The Laguna Beach Farmers Market is located at Forest and Ocean in Laguna and is open Saturday from 8am - Noon.

Friends of Hortense Miller Garden
Information:

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