



LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB

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Weeder's Digest

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Editor's Note

It's hard to believe that November is upon us already! I hope this month allows all of you to spend quality time with your friends, families and loved ones. Remember to give thanks for all of the goodness in your lives, and if you can, try to reach out to those in need of a little more in theirs.



- Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving. Anonymous -

November General Meeting

Friday, November 13

Laguna Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall, 415 Forest Ave., LB

9:30 am Social, Plant Table and Boutique -
10:00 am Meeting





Upcoming Events



NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Topher Delaney



Topher Delaney will make a repeat appearance at our Friday, Nov., 13 meeting. Her first appearance was in March of 2013 when she shared her philosophy and vision of sanctuary gardens across all walks of life - from the San Diego Children's Hospital to USC Norris Cancer Research Center, to a Northern California police officer's reflecting garden, to individual gardens that provide healing solace.

As a world-renowned landscape architect with an extensive knowledge of art and design, Topher will travel from San Francisco to share with us "Beneficence in Beauty—The Nature of Generosity".

She received a Standing Ovation at her previous performance with us and many members have requested that she return. Here is your chance to see her once more - NOT TO BE MISSED!

Green Thumb

Friday, November 20 @ 9:30 am—Cost: \$15.00

Natalie Harlow-Alison Home, 194 Acacia St., LB

Join us on November 20, 2015 at 9:30 am as Natalie shows us how to beautifully design our own original pots. Don't think you're creative? You need not worry! Natalie will bring out the creative artist in each and every one of us! Please RSVP at our November meeting and we hope to see you there!

Tours and Travel

L.A. County Arboretum, November 18 @ 10:45 am

Join us on Wednesday, November 18, as we venture off for a docent-led tour at the L.A. County Arboretum in Arcadia. We will be meeting at St. Catherine's Church on Temple Terrace at 10:45 am and leaving no later than 11:00 am. After a day of fun, we will be enjoying dinner at the Cheesecake Factory at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP at our November meeting. We are looking forward to sharing this adventure together with you!

Get Dirty Wednesdays & Thursdays

Hortense Miller Garden

Any Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 am until noon, join us at the Hortense Miller Garden in North Laguna. This is a fun, low-key opportunity to connect with gardeners and beautify the community. Bring your own garden tools, water, and lunch. Parking is limited, so plan to carpool. For more info. Contact Gayle Whitaker a 494-4544

Fellow Garden Club Friends Need Our Help

The Huntington Harbour Garden Club is requesting our support for a fundraiser they are having. They only do a fundraiser every few years and use the funds to support local school gardens and various other projects. They asked for us to share their flyer with our group in hopes that some of us may attend their event. It looks like fun!

FALL LUNCHEON

presented by the
HUNTINGTON HARBOUR GARDEN CLUB

featuring



CATHY THOMAS

Food Columnist at The Orange County Register
and winner of the
Golden Foodie Award for Best Food Writer
speaking on

LIFE, LOVE, and FOOD HAPPINESS

Followed by a book signing

BOUQUETTE

RAFFLE

SILENT AUCTION

The boutique will feature homemade baked goods, jams and jellies,
and a few surprises as well.

There will also be some fun items up for raffle and a silent auction.
Come and join in the fun.

Bring a friend or make some new ones!

HUNTINGTON HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$40

For more information and to make your reservation,
contact **DOREEN HILL** at

714-878-3011

doreen.hill@gmail.com

HHGC is a 501(c)(3) organization (Tax ID #87-0775187).
Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward its philanthropies which include several local school gardens.

Now is the Time for all Members to Plan for the February Container Plant Auction!

Our February General Meeting is an annual celebration of Valentine's day and the coming of the spring season. Held on Friday, February 11, 2016, and open to the general public, it is a wonderful way to get inspired, find a fun gift for yourself or a friend and ultimately support the garden club's ongoing community projects and scholarships. Donate a homemade container garden or just come to bid on the beautiful creations of our garden-loving friends!

If you plant seeds or purchase small plants now and nurture them until February, you will have less expensive and bigger specimens to use. Go on a treasure hunt at a garage sale, thrift shop or our own club boutique table! If you are a crafty person, you could even make your own container - Home Depot or Lowes are good places to find items that can be used as containers. Containers can be for the wall, indoors, outdoors, or for hanging from a tree, branch or hook.

Bring a friend, ask a neighbor and mention our event to everyone you know!



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Photos and Fun!

Jeanne Yale taught people how to create a succulent tube at the SmartScape event in September.



Nancy Englund, September's Volunteer-of-the-Month winner, drew the winner for October - Diane Kloke.



Kirk Brown, our October Speaker, left a great impression on all of us.



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Photos and Fun Continued

School Gardens

During October, the three school gardens (Top of the World Elem., El Morrow Elem., and Thurston Middle School) that LBGC supports each received a check for \$1500 to assist their gardening programs.

El Morrow school garden is an after school club that meets Wednesdays for an hour and parents teach lessons and supervise the 25 or so students who are involved. On that particular day, a lesson on avocados was presented and the students each received an avocado from the tree in the garden, of which this year is it's first yield. The students learned that after their avocado is ripe, they will place picks in two sides of the seed and suspend it in water to grow their own tree. Then the students checked the new growth in the garden and filled their watering cans to add water to the areas that needed it.



Thurston Middle School's garden is part of the Eco Club, which meets once a week during lunch and is supervised by Penny Dressler, teacher. This was the first time members of the Eco Club actually visited the garden, as they had been involved in a recycling program for the first part of the year. They were taught how to remove the sides of the enclosures and look for tomato worms on the old plants from Spring. They used the composter and checked the level of water in the rainwater barrels. Mrs. Dressler has plans to incorporate art and architecture to involve the kids in designing paths in the overrun areas and replant many of the stressed succulent gardens. Thurston Eco Club has ambitious plans for this year!



Top of the World (TOW) School gardens are off to an amazing start! There are actually three gardens now, a new little raised garden in the kindergarten, a primary garden outside the first grade classrooms and a huge school garden at the far end of the playground. TOW received a grant from the Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano, which includes a mentor to help plan lessons following the new standards. Every class has had a turn in the garden with volunteers during the school day, planting fall vegetables, spreading new soil, measuring plants, etc. Today the chef from Maro is teaching parent garden volunteers and staff how to make fresh salad dressing. Our \$1500 grant was very much appreciated as they are planning for an entire school of over 600 students to be included in learning the gardening process. Wow!

November Meeting Refreshments

Provided by:

Donna Sheaffer, Carolyn Bent, Krisanna Barbernell, Connie Maenti, Sue Field, Pam Bisson, Synthia Scofield and Judy Larson

Thank You Very Much!!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are in need for a centerpiece for our November refreshment table. If you can help us out, please contact

Linda Humes at:

949-412-9777 or

lindahumes@mac.com

Welcome New Members

Beth Peters Hook

Virginia Templeton

Laurie Jake

Kathy & Ed Harcharik

And Returning Members

Janet Anderson, orig. 2006

Joan Cline, orig. 2011

Judy Larson, orig. 2014

Our Club is a Member of:

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Pacific Region - www.pacificregiongardenclubs.com

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www.lagnabeachgardenclub.org

But see, in our open clearings, how golden the melons lie; Enrich them with sweets and spices, and give us the pumpkin pie!



- Margaret Junkin Preston



NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

November 2 - Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street @ Cliff Dr. 10:00 am

November 13 - General Meeting, 9:30 am social, 10:00 am meeting. Speaker: Topher Delaney, "Beneficence & Beauty & Balance"

November 16 - Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street @ Cliff Drive. 10:00 am

November 18 - Tours and Travel, L.A. County Arboretum, 10:45 am @ St. Catherine's Church

November 20 - Green Thumb, Decorate a Pot, Natalie Harlow-Alison Home, 9:30 am

November 30 - Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street @ Cliff Dr. 10:00 am

THANKFUL - No ghosts or goblins and tricks or treats, no candy or flowers for your sweet. No gifts to buy or presents to give. Just be thankful for the life you live.