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# Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



Happy  
New Year  
2019

JANUARY 2019

MEMBER NEWS

*Celebrating Art &  
Science in the Garden*

*It's January, time to pack up those holiday decorations, clean out a closet, or better yet, take a walk along our beautiful shoreline.*

COME JOIN IN  
THE FUN

## Events This Month

### General Meeting Jan. 11

**Kathy Moine**  
From Green Thumb  
Nursery in Lake  
Forest (see page 3)  
Laguna Presbyterian  
Church • 9:30 am  
social 10:00 am  
meeting



### Green Thumb & Crafts Jan. 18

**Epoxy Art**  
At the home of  
Natalie Harlow-Alison  
194 Acacia St.  
Laguna Beach  
9:30 am (see page 5)



### Open Gardens Jan. 25

**Visiting Members' gardens**  
We will visit four members' gardens  
for happy hour and garden  
discussions.

Meet at 12:30 am at St. Catherine's  
on Temple Terrace to carpool (see  
page 6)



### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Ahh the New Year! A time to set new goals, start new projects, and get your garden ready for spring. One task many of us face in January is pruning our rose bushes. This link will take you to an article from **Green Thumb Nursery** (our January guest speaker is from there) to help you with this annual task.



<https://www.greenthumb.com/rose-and-garden-cleanup-in-preparation-for-winter/>

Simply click on this link and it will take you to Green Thumb's monthly newsletter. You can also sign up to receive the newsletter there as well. Happy pruning!



## President's Message

# Making New Opportunities in 2019

**Opportunity: noun -- A set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something.**

Sometimes it seems like the word "opportunity" is used as a euphemism for "obligation," "extra work," "inconvenience". Through the club you have the "opportunity" to tend the Pocket Park or Sister Cities Garden.



Every Wednesday you have the "opportunity" to pull weeds at Hortense Miller Garden, but within that opportunity is also the possibility of hearing the barks of seal echoing up the canyon while you rake leaves.

When you have the "opportunity" to work in a school garden, for example, you have a chance to not only experience first-hand where some of your club's money goes, but also share your lifetime of knowledge with others and maybe learn



something new, too. Gardening at a school is a genuine "opportunity" unavailable to the average person, only possible because of our relationship with the schools.

I challenge you, in this new year, to open yourself to more opportunities, to be inconvenienced by life, to step out of your comfort zone, and to try something new. -Nancy Englund

**See you at the  
January 11 meeting**



## Get Involved

Ever wanted to be on the Board? Good with numbers and/or money?

As Past President part of my responsibilities include finding members who want a more active role by expanding her/his horizons to become part of the Board of Directors and matching them with opportunity.

Well, that opportunity has arrived.

Two positions on the board have

two-year term limits, President and Treasurer. **As of June 30, Jorja Puma's tenure as Treasurer will sunset.**

Job description includes: (see page 52 in the Membership Book for more details)

- Collect, deposit, & disburse funds.
- Manage online sales.
- Provide a monthly balance summary at both general & board meetings.
- Prepare an accurate financial statement for California Garden Club, Inc.
- Prepare paperwork for the annual Budget meeting for the next year.
- Independent bookkeeper manages the financial records.
- Ensure taxes are filed, which are prepared by a CPA.

To some of you this may sound daunting, but to others it might be right in your wheelhouse. To make the transition easier, one gigantic benefit is that Jorja Puma is extraordinarily organized, keeps great records, and is more than willing to assist/teach/lend a hand to anyone who steps up to fill this role.

All interested parties, please contact me:

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## Kathy Moine From Green Thumb Nursery *Shares New Rose Varieties and Old Rose Care*

**K**athy Moine grew up in Colorado and learned a love of gardening from both parents. At a young age she helped in a large family garden. She was given her first plot of land at the age of 8 and has enjoyed gardening ever since. Kathy also learned to can and freeze the excess from the garden.



She came to Southern California many years ago and currently resides in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Kathy has been a Master Garden for 23 years. She works for a favorite nursery of ours - Green Thumb and is part of their speaker bureau.



Green Thumb Nursery continues to be a family owned business under the leadership of Bud, Steve, & Nancy Bergquist. Nancy Bergquist, Dale's daughter, manages the

wholesale nursery Growing Grounds.

Green Thumb continues its tradition of "friendly customer service with a smile" trademark and maintains one of the best reputations for a quality garden center in Southern California.



Members shopped to their hearts' delight after the **December 14 meeting**. Guest speaker **Larry Bourget** and his wife **Belen** came with a huge array of Tillandsias and driftwood that became holiday gifts for many of the members who snapped up the beautiful bargains.



# New Year's Resolutions for Gardeners

Inspiring ways to kick off your gardening year By Linda Hagen



## PLANT MORE

Give your garden the celebrity treatment and plant an award winner. Try the [2019 National Plants of the Year](#) from Proven Winners. Create a relaxing garden space by planting soothing-scented [lavender](#). Research [native plants](#) for your area and add them to your landscape.

## LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Check out what's [trending in garden design](#) & incorporate at least one new idea in your garden. Start a garden journal and keep track of what works — and what doesn't. Expand your garden library and treat yourself to a new [gardening book](#).

## MAKE MAINTENANCE EASY

Set up your container plants on a drip system. Learn how in [this video](#) from Garden Answer. Take better care of your garden tools by [learning how to clean and store them properly](#). Cut back on weekly maintenance (and water) by rethinking your lawn. Incorporate native grasses and low-maintenance perennials. Keep plants healthy by paying closer attention to [soil composition](#) with testing and proper amendments.

## TAKE CARE OF PESKY PESTS

Keep deer from feasting on your garden by incorporating [deer-resistant plants](#). [Take care of grubs](#) before they take over your lawn. [Get a grip on gophers](#). Learn how to keep them from creating a maze under your lawn and garden. Fill a patio container with [mosquito-repellent plants](#) to keep from getting bit this summer.



## GO GREEN

Start a compost pile and make your own 'garden gold'. It's great for your plants & the environment. Don't let weeds get the upper hand. Learn how to [manage them without dangerous chemicals](#). Clear out harmful chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers and make the switch to natural & organic alternatives.

## EAT YOUR VEGGIES

Try your hand at [building a raised bed](#) for your vegetable or cut-flower garden. Plant a few extra vegetables and share with organizations such as [ampleharvest.org](#). Enjoy the fruits of your labor by hosting a garden party or just eat outside more often. Try something new in your vegetable garden. Check out [Veggie Garden Remix](#), by Niki Jabbour, for inspiration.

## CARE FOR WILDLIFE

Invite local wildlife into your garden with [one of these 10 ideas](#) — some as simple as adding a bird bath. Build a home for wildlife and beneficial insects to hide out in and spend the winter. Layer used pallets and fill the gaps with broken clay pots or roofing tiles, twigs, branches and dried seed heads. Plant a buffet for birds with [fruit-bearing shrubs and trees](#).

## GET INVOLVED

Volunteer at a [local community garden](#). Visit a local botanic garden or arboretum and become a member.

## HAVE SOME FUN

Plant something fun, like [sunflowers](#), with a child and watch the stalks grow taller than they are. Plant a cut-flower garden and share surprise bouquets with neighbors. Slash your gift-giving budget for the year by growing gifts instead of buying them.



## CLUB NEWS

### Green Thumb Crafts January 18



Come join the creative fun with **Natalie Harlow-Alison** and create beautiful oceanic themed art using epoxy and shells.

The workshop will be held at Natalie's home 194 Acacia Street, Laguna Beach, at 9:30am.

Please sign up at the January 11 meeting. The cost for this beautiful project is \$25.00.

### Worth a Look

#### **Francis Griscom Parsons: Mother of School Gardens**

This article appeared in the San Diego Horticultural Society monthly newsletter "*Let's Talk Plants*". I thought it was interesting to know where the school garden idea was born.



<https://www.sdhortnews.org/single-post/2018/12/07/Francis-Griscom-Parsons-Mother-of-School-Gardens>

### *The Valentine Container Auction will be the Highlight of the February Meeting*



The highlight of our February meeting is the annual Valentine Container Garden Silent Auction Fundraiser. Put your creativity to work and turn an everyday container into a visual delight. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful planter works of art. This will be the only fundraiser in February since the Plant & Plater Boutique has been cancelled.

Money raised at this event supports the school gardens at three local schools and scholarships for Laguna Beach students. Bring your credit card or checkbook!

For more information contact:

**Lynette LaRoche** (714)345-8877

# The First LBGC Happy Hour Open Gardens Tour

**S**tarting in January, LBGC will offer happy hour open gardens at two to four of our members' gardens. These events will be in the early afternoon to allow us to see other members' gardens and to get to know each other better. Light refreshments will be served. You do not need a perfect garden to volunteer — every garden is unique and will be appreciated. So far, 20 members have volunteered their gardens and as the event grows in interest other members will volunteer. **Our first event is on January 25 from 1-4 and will include the gardens of Dana Vickerson, Nancy Skjerven, Elizabeth Kramer, and Ingrid Martinez in Mission Viejo.** Parking in most neighborhoods is limited so carpool if you can. Carpools will form at St Catherine's Church on Temple Terrace at 12:30 on 1/25 For more information or to volunteer your garden, please contact Shelby Rigg.

Future Happy Hour Open Gardens tours will take place after the March general meeting (3/8) visiting Laguna Beach gardens and another in July to visit members' gardens in Laguna Niguel and Dana Point, including Shelby's own garden. Stay tuned for more information.

## **The FIRST Happy Hour Open Gardens:**

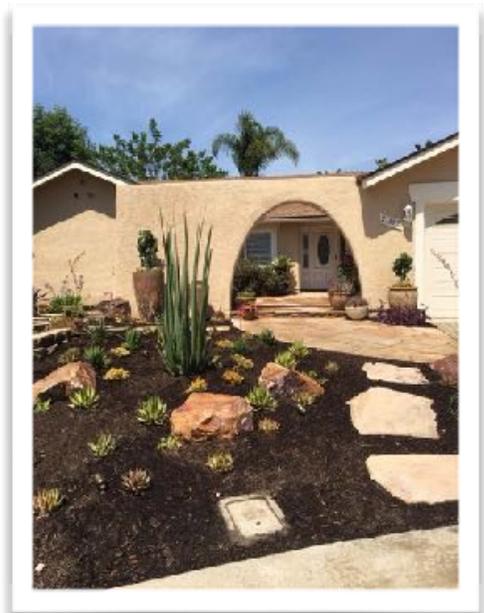
Visit these three open gardens any time between 1 - 4 on Friday, January 25. To carpool from Laguna, please meet at St Catherine's Church on Temple Terrace, depart 12:30pm.

**Dana Victorson** 27302 Via Balsa, MV (412-9843)

**Ingrid Martinez** 25552 Maximus Street, MV (887-7382)

**Nancy Skjerven** 22521 Tindaya, MV (458-2442)

**Elizabeth Kramer** 28242 Yanez, MV (429-4612)



## *A Change of Plans*

The **Plant & Planter Boutique** slated for February 9, has been cancelled. We hope that members will focus their efforts on making wonderful Valentine Containers for our annual auction at the General Meeting on February 8.



## *Linda Humes, Lynn Jax, and Jorja Puma opened their homes and gardens to help ring in the holiday spirit*

On Dec. 14, we enjoyed visiting three members' homes (and gardens) in Laguna Beach that were dressed up for the holidays. **Linda Humes, Lynn Jax** and **Jorja Puma** graciously and generously opened their homes — inside and out — to our membership to view their beautiful and

of Laguna Beach gardens



often spectacular decorations and to kick off the holiday season. We also celebrated with great food and beverages in each home -- and good cheer all around! Everyone had a wonderful time and left invigorated with the spirit of the season!

## Introducing Our Newest Members

**Jessica Harlow** - Jessica was born and raised in Quebec, Canada and has called Laguna Beach home for 40 years. All the time in the same home in the Top of the World neighborhood where she and her husband raised their two children. Her son, Jeremy, happens to be the one who is responsible for rebuilding the Laguna "L" in the hills above the LBGS football field for his Eagle Scout Project after the raging fires of 1993 completely destroyed it.

She recently retired after working for 20 years as a trademark specialist, and is keeping herself very busy. Not only is she a new member of our club, but she has also joined the Assistance League, and is now a volunteer at Susie Q. She is also busy at home — her backyard is currently in a state of demolition — a much needed renovation of her backyard garden is underway, she says.

**Patty Gaffney** - Patty moved to Huntington Beach 10 years ago for her career at Boeing. She was under tremendous pressure and could only dream about gardening for stress relief, which she says is pretty ironic, since as a child gardening was a chore for her. Her mother assigned her with many tasks, but the only ones she lined were gathering sweet peas, and deadheading the roses and pansies.

She grew to like gardening when she had her own home in the San Fernando Valley. She laid down a SoCal version of the English Garden: natives and citrus mixed with roses, lavender, sage, and irises. She learned to love the colors and the scents, the satisfaction of surveying her "empire" in the mornings, and the design aspect of the garden. Now gardening is a passion and she appreciates how it sparks creativity in her painting and other interests.

**Sylvia Aimes** - Sylvia and her family moved into their home in the Woods Cove neighborhood 16 years ago, where she had a big lot with a wonderful garden. It was that garden,



she says, along with its beautiful huge plumeria tree and the amazing scent of jasmine everywhere that first inspired her gardening interest.

Eight years ago they sold that home and moved to the Bay Area to be closer to family and her husband's job. There she enjoyed a totally different type of garden filled with redwoods. Now they are back in Laguna, and after a year of renting, they have purchased a home on Canyon View, and are settling back into the Laguna lifestyle.

**Susan Denton** - Susan is newly retired after recently leaving her job as a neonatal nurse practitioner, and working at a device company. She has lived her entire life in California, and has been fortunate enough to have lived most of that time by the beach.

She loves to garden, and gardens a lot, but says she doesn't think she is very good at it, so that is one reason why she decided to join the club. Susan is also interested in taking part in our other activities and looks forward to learning about gardening and volunteering.

**Rosa Goldfind** - Rosa is self-admittedly, "not a gardener". She says that after moving here from New Jersey 14 years ago everything she planted died. Her friend, Maggie Owens, told her about the club and she joined in hopes to change that and learn more about being a better gardener.

When Rosa came to California, she started out in Laguna Beach, and now calls Dana Point her home. She loved the energy of New Jersey, the excitement of living close to Manhattan, but says there is definitely something special about being by this ocean.

**Shirley Jagels** - Shirley and her husband live in a historic 1908 Farmhouse in San Marino, in which she worked with Jeff Mayer to restore the garden. The old building has many outbuildings and surprises. Dozens of old commercial grade concrete manhole covers from the LA Water District became a source of creative hardscaping material, repurposed for pathways, steps, and even bench seats. They have enjoyed the wonderful ancient avocado tree that still gives amazing fruit.

In 2011, Shirley fixed her attention on an old run down 1915 board & batten cottage in Linden. Although terribly run down, she envisioned it restored, and once again with Jeff Mayer's help, the cottage was restored and now has a lovely garden. They recently added a new, rare hybrid rose to the garden, named "San Marino Heritage," after Shirley's charity that advocates for historic preservation in San Marino.



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GREEN THUMB  
MORNING

**WED. FEB 6**  
**8-9:30**

JOIN US THE 1ST WEDNESDAY MONTHLY  
FOR CONVERSATION AND CASUAL  
GARDEN MAINTENANCE

MEET IN LARGE GARDEN- TOP OF THE WORLD ELEMENTARY





### **December Centerpiece**

New member **Krisanna Barbernell** created this stunning centerpiece that evoked the feeling of the season. The mix of roses, irises, hydrangeas, pine, and spruce was spectacular.

**December Volunteer of the Month**  
**Monica Thompson** was selected as the  
December Volunteer of the Month.  
Congratulations Monica!



## **Recognition Awards**

Four awards recognizing club members and their tremendous efforts that support the club will be awarded this spring. All members are encouraged to nominate a fellow club member to take notice of their activities and volunteer efforts in which they participate.

Nominations will be accepted at the **April 12, 2019**, general meeting. Forms will be forthcoming. Be prepared to write a short explanation for your nominee. The winners will be awarded at the **May 10, 2019**, general meeting.

Categories are:

1. Club Member of the Year
2. Rookie Member of the Year
3. Gardener of the Year
4. Garden of the Year



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