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# Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



*Celebrating art & science  
in the garden*

## September 2018

MEMBER NEWS

The tourists have left, the kids are back in school and the garden calls. Cooler days ahead will provide the opportunity to stop and relax a bit and enjoy the beautiful outdoor spaces we have created.

Come Join in  
the Fun

## Events This Month

### General Meeting Sept 14

**Debra Lee Baldwin**

*Designing with Succulents*  
(see page 3)  
Laguna Presbyterian Church



9:30 am social  
10:00 am meeting

### Green Thumb Crafts Sept 21

**Grapevine Succulent Wreath**

At the home of  
Jeanne Yale  
502 Pearl St.  
Laguna Beach

\$20 9:30 am  
(see page 6)



### Trips & Tours Sept 28

**Waterwise Botanicals** In Bonsall

Meet at 8:45 • Leaving promptly at 9:00am St. Catherine's Church on Temple Terrace (see page 6)



## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Summer has draw to a close and it's time for everything pumpkin (thanks to Trader Joe's and Starbucks) and ordering bulbs to plant for spring. In a way, fall is a new beginning, so let's plant and grow!

Make sure you pick up your new **LBGC Membership Book** at the September 14th meeting. The book has all of the information you will need to enjoy all that the club has to offer. Have a great new gardening year.

**Laguna Beach Garden Club Membership Book 2018-2019**

# Celebrating a New Year

Dear Members,

Welcome Back! I hope each of you can look back over the summer and treasure memories of family, friends and community.

I am excited to be your new President, honored to follow Lynn Jax and the other powerful past Presidents and eager to welcome you to another exciting year in the Laguna Beach Garden Club (LBGC). This club is a resource, rich with wisdom and enthusiasm. Throughout the year, we will have many opportunities to share our gifts and reap the benefits of membership.

The Garden Club calendar is filled with special events: our general meetings include world-class speakers, monthly Green Thumb Craft activities foster creativity, and Trips & Tours offer interesting destinations.

Of course, our major fundraiser, the Gate & Garden Tour, Friday, May 3, 2019 & our newest club fundraiser, the Plant & Planter Boutique, Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, will provide most of the funds for the good work of the club for scholarships, school gardens and civic beautification – along with the generous support of our sponsors.

See your beautiful new Membership Book for dates and details of our activities. Your very own copy will be available for pick

up at our first meeting Friday, September 14. You'll also find the Membership Book on our website in the "Members Only" section along with other interesting information. We'll provide you the password at our monthly meetings.

I encourage you not only to take advantage of all the club offers, but also think about new ways you can get involved and contribute to the club. Can you do one more thing each month? Can you sign up to bring refreshments, bring a guest, make a new member feel welcome, help with hands-on gardening, wear a flowered hat in a parade or open your garden for a member tour? Even just including someone new in your after meeting lunch plans will enrich your experience and contribute to a stronger club. Participate as much as you are able. I guarantee that you will be rewarded.

As President, my theme is "*Celebrating Art & Science in the Garden.*" I see this as an opportunity to focus the enthusiasm and wisdom of the garden club not only on what we personally define as our gardens



but also the "garden" we all live on, the planet Earth.

Over my two-year tenure, I will share things that I care about and learn what ignites your passion. For instance, I am proud to be a member of the club that was responsible for keeping billboards off the highway some 80 years ago. With your support we can celebrate that commitment to civic beautification by picking up litter along the highway. As a Californian, I am proud of all we do to save water. Like you, I have a bucket in my shower, and I only flush when absolutely necessary. But can we do more? A bottle-filling station downtown, for example, would eliminate the need for thousands of single-use plastic bottles, which would save millions of gallons of water. With your support, we can do so much.

These are some of the goals I am interested in pursuing this year as your president. Less visible, but just as important, are the relationships fostered and knowledge shared through club activities. The LBGC has widened both my circle and my horizons. I know it will do the same for you in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Englund

*Celebrating Art  
&  
Science in the Garden*

# *Sensational Succulent Author Debra Lee Baldwin is Our Sweet September Speaker*

**A**ward-winning garden photojournalist, author and artist Debra Lee Baldwin launched



global interest in succulents in 2007 with her first book, *Designing with Succulents* (Timber Press, 2007). She went on to author two more Timber Press bestsellers: *Succulent Container Gardens* (2010) and *Succulents Simplified* (2013). A long-time contributor to *Sunset* magazine, Debra applies what she calls the “*Sunset aesthetic*” to everything in her books, presentations,

e-newsletters, articles, and social media pages. Her Facebook followers now number more than 50,000, and her YouTube views exceed 3 million. Debra and her own garden in southern CA have been featured in national publications, including *Better Homes & Gardens*. In 2017, she received the San Diego Horticultural Society’s “Horticulturist of the Year” lifetime achievement award. Debra is proud to announce the celebratory 10th anniversary, completely revised and updated second edition of *Designing with Succulents*. Beautifully illustrated with 400 photos, it encapsulates the essentials of the original along with a decade’s worth of visually exciting ideas for succulent gardens, large and small.

## ***Parking at Meetings***

***Absolutely NO PARKING for Garden Club members in the church parking lot; violators will be TOWED. Because the lot behind Tankersley Hall belongs to the Presbyterian Church, it must remain open for parents of pre-school children to pick up their children, especially in the case of an emergency.***

### ***Parking solutions include:***

- ***Free parking is available in the lot along Laguna Canyon road in spaces 300-422.***
- ***All day parking for \$3.00 is available in the same lot in spaces 185-228 and the Lumberyard lot next to City Hall.***



## 2018-2019 SPECIAL ADMINISTRATORS

**Our meetings, events, community gardening and scholarships are all made possible by this energetic group of members:**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Auditor                           | Ingrid Cebula   |
| Constant Contact                  | Diane Lannon  |
| Graphic Arts Design               | Carolyn Bent  |
| Green Thumb Crafts                | Natalie Harlow-Alison   |
| Hands-on Gardening Opportunities: |   |
| • Hortense Miller Garden          | Diane Lannon  |
| • Pocket Park                     | Jeanne Yale   |
| • Sister Cities Garden            | Synthia Scofield  |
| Historian                         | Elaine Davis  |
| Hospitality                       | ElizaBeth Chapel & Lynn Pries   |
| Lifetime Membership               | Jeanne Yale   |
| Membership Book                   | Dalynn Malek  |
| Newsletter Editor                 | Dalynn Malek  |
| Nominating Chair                  | Lynn Jax  |
| Parliamentarian                   | Lynn Jax  |
| Patriots Day Parade               | Diane Kloke   |
| Penny Pines                       | Cathy Bosko, Chris Ranabargar & Kathleen Kane                                   |
| Photo Contest                     | Laura McCants   |
| Plant Table                       | Debbie Sugg   |
| Plant Table Assistants            | Cheryl Bartetzko, Norman Powell, & Marcy Horenstein                             |
| Programs Assistants               | Carla Beddome, Pam Bisson, & Susan Scott  |
| Scholarships:                     |   |
| • LBHS                            | Diane Kloke   |
| • Saddleback College              | Tom Hensel  |
| School Gardens Liaison            | Dee Perry   |
| SmartScape Expo (Water District)  | Lynn Jax  |
| Social Media:                     |   |
| • Facebook                        | Joyce Hill  |
| • Instagram                       | Becky Martin  |
| Sound Board                       | Chris Lutz & Nancy Lawrence   |
| Sunshine                          | Polly Dix   |
| Table Centerpieces                | Linda Humes   |
| Trips & Tours                     | Tom Hensel  |
| Trips & Tours Assistants          | Synthia Scofield & Cathy Bosko  |
| Ways & Means Assistant            | Becky Martin  |
| Welcome Ambassadors               | Dee Perry, Jorja Puma, Shelby Rigg, Norman Powell, Stanley Behrens, & Polly Dix |

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## Board of Directors

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*Nancy Englund*

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*Mariann Keenan*

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# Recognition Awards 2018

## **Club Member of the Year – Chris Lutz**

Chris has been a member since 2006. Chris has a fantastic garden containing 5000+ Bromeliads and Tillandsias. He has often hosted an outdoor party with a BBQ turkey in his garden as a concluding event to a Tours & Travel adventure. He voluntarily roasts superb coffee and brews it fresh for each meeting. He donated all his profits from the Valentine Planter Sale to Laguna Beach Garden Club; he donates money, plants, and his time to the Blue Bell Garden, of which the garden club has sponsored the Monarch Butterfly Garden. He also “mans” the sound board for each meeting. Well-deserved recognition for such spirit of volunteerism for our club.



## **Gardener of the Year – Synthia Scofield, Kathleen Kane, and Marilyn Ghere**

This dynamic trio (like the Three Musketeers of the Sister City Gardening Maintenance Crew) are on hand every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday to water, weed, prune, add mulch, plant replacements, and even decorate for Christmas, rain or shine or fog. Often, they check the garden even when it isn't the Club's turn to care for the Sister Cities Garden – just to make sure all is well. And if not, they are ready to lend a hand. We applaud their efforts and dependability.



## **Garden of the Year – Mariann Keenan**

**Mariann's** gorgeous drought tolerant and water-wise garden in Mission Viejo was installed two years ago when she decided to remove the lawn and save water. It is a lovely example of agaves, aloes, cycads, and cacti with accents of rock ground cover and many potted succulents. Both front and rear landscapes are phenomenal. All of you make sure to take advantage of our next Member Tour because Mariann's garden will be one of the places we visit.



## **Rookie of the Year – Becky Martin and Norman Powell**

Two enthusiastic new members are great additions to our club.

**Norman Powell** is one of our Welcome Ambassadors, attended the New Member Tea and gave everyone nasturtium seeds; he opened his home and garden to all of us on the Christmas Member Tour; he donated succulents for giveaway at the SmartScape event at the Water District and volunteered at the event as well. He also was gracious enough to have his garden as one of the featured Garden/er of the Month in Stu News Laguna. He is a Cheerleader of the Club.

From day one, **Becky Martin** has volunteered by helping out at the Ways & Means table (selling our aprons, hats, gloves, etc.); she volunteered at the SmartScape event; spent the entire day at the Valentine Planter Sale, and the day before at the Valentine Container Auction by setting prices & organizing all the containers. She created the Club's Instagram account. She has attended many Green Thumb activities and several Tours & Travel journeys; here is a new member who knows how to take advantage of all our club has to offer. She even marched in the Patriot's Day Parade and brought her daughter to carry a sign. She attended 2 board meeting and is on the Gate & Garden Tour Committee.



## Trips & Tours Friday, Sept. 28 at Waterwise Botanicals

Meet at 8:45 • St. Catherine's Church  
on Temple Terrace to carpool. We will be  
leaving promptly at 9:00am.



Waterwise Botanicals is more than a nursery and welcomes both homeowners and the landscape trade industry. They are always striving to assure convenience and confidence as they continue to offer quality and diversity of plant material. There are acres of beautiful nursery and growing grounds, including demonstration gardens, ponds, and a shade house full of creative treasures to inspire you.

Waterwise Botanicals invites you to come and explore their location out in the country away from the stresses of daily life. They like to describe themselves as having a touch of "rustic elegance". Take time out to sit in their gazebo in the Cottage Garden, or bring a snack or lunch to enjoy at the picnic tables near the ponds.



## *Green Thumb Crafts Grow Your Creativity*



### **Grapevine Succulent Wreath**

Get in the fall spirit with this Green  
Thumb Craft that will be sure to please.

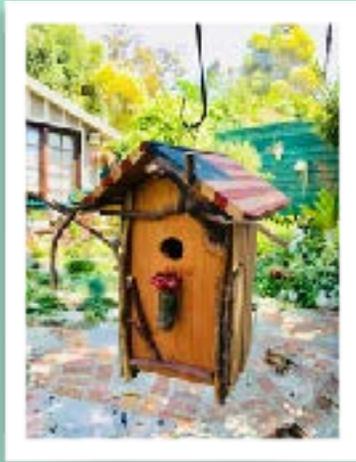
Meet at the home of Jeanne Yale  
502 Pearl St. Laguna Beach  
at 9:30 am.

The cost of the project is \$20.00.

Bring succulent cuttings.  
Sign up at the Sept 14th meeting.

# Take a Chance Meet New People

## It's a Win, Win Deal



Be a winner! At our first meeting on September 14th, you could win three items made and donated by your fellow club members: a framed art poster by Bill Atkins, a set of framed plant imprinted tiles by Nadine Nordstrom and a charming country birdhouse handmade by Sherry Stephens. Cash, check and plastic accepted to buy raffle tickets: 1/ \$5.00 7/\$20

Dear Gardeners:

**Orange County District** will be meeting September 17, 2018 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, Orchard Terrace, located at Veterans Way, Mission Viejo.

The business portion of the meeting will include Launa Gould's report on the CGCI Fall Board Meeting, the District's selection for the 2017-2018 College Scholarship, and an opportunity for the Club President's to make their announcements of upcoming events. It's important that we share our activities with the other clubs. It is also very interesting to hear their plans on fund raising and their involvement in their community.

~~We will be conducting an Interactive Workshop. Learn to Champion your members skills to inspire others to be successful leaders in your garden clubs.~~

The meetings this past year have been well received and it's fun to get to know members of other Garden clubs located in our District.

Please RSVP to our treasurer, Jorja Puma.  
Cost is \$5 paid in advance, or at the door.



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