



# Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



Garden #2 Tutu's Garden

Education in the Garden

May 2022

MEMBER NEWS

*My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece.*  
—Claude Monet

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

As the summer season starts to kick in, we will spend more time on our gardens and outdoor spaces. Hopefully we can share our environment with pollinators who play a huge role in our lives. Somewhere between 75% and 95% of all flowering plants on the earth need help with pollination — they need pollinators. This article from the *Garden Design website* gives a list of flowering plants you can include in your outdoor space to give these hard working bees, butterflies, and

other flower visitors a season-long buffet of nectar and pollen. You will *bee* rewarded with the knowledge that you are helping this vital aspect of nature. Happy planting!



[https://www.gardendesign.com/perennials/pollinators.html?utm\\_source=article-newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Perennials-Pollinators-4-21-22](https://www.gardendesign.com/perennials/pollinators.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Perennials-Pollinators-4-21-22)

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THE FUN

## Inside This Issue

### Gate & Garden Tour May 7

#### A sold out success!

By the time you read this, our 2022 tour will be in the books. Check out photos of our wonderful event on page 5 and soon more will be posted on our website

[LagunaBeachGardenClub.org](http://LagunaBeachGardenClub.org)

### General Meeting May 13

#### Billy Goodnick

Water Wise Calif. Natives for  
Coastal Gardens



Laguna Presbyterian Church

- 9:30 am social — treats will be served • 10:00 am meeting (see page 3).

### Trips & Tours May 18

#### Rainforest Flora Nursery in Torrance

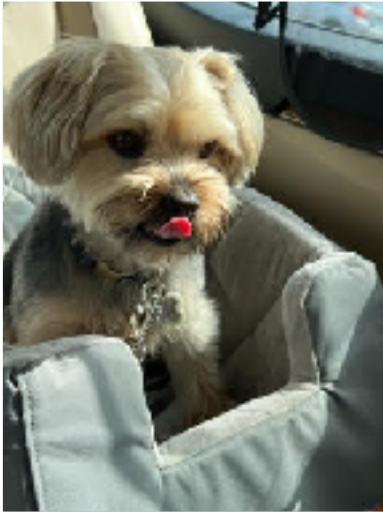
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## President's Message

# Gratitude & Generosity

Dear Members,

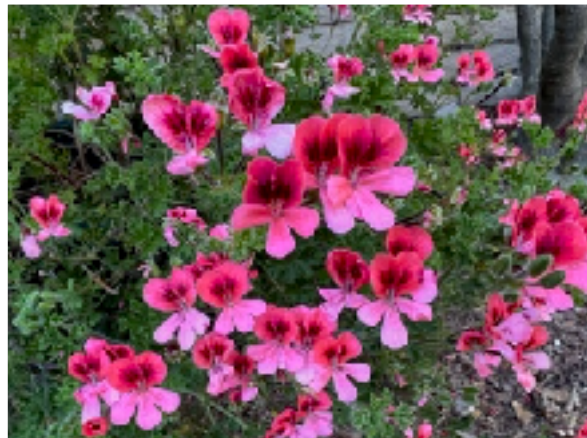
**H**appy May!!! I love this time of year. The weather is more warm than cool, and it's Keenan celebration time. Bob and I both have birthdays over the summer and our wedding anniversary. Plus, Tripp's "Gothca Day" is in July. So much to look forward to.



Before all that, right now, I have so much for which to be grateful. It has been an amazing and wonderful honor serving as your President. Thank you for your support, for the laughter and for your many contributions to our beautiful Laguna Beach Garden Club. It is a special club with the best, warmest and most friendly people. I joined hoping to make a few friends and gosh, mission accomplished.

There are three people I must thank out loud (in writing): **Nancy Englund, Patty Gaffney and Lynn Jax**. Each provided enormous personal support to me and of course to this club.

**We've had a record-breaking year in terms of funds donated to our community projects, school gardens, and in scholarships.** In part this is because the main donations from you, our members, from your support of our raffles at meetings and of course from the success of our Gate & Garden Tour. The tour is a team effort to be sure. However, the team is led by a wonderfully organized and dedicated leader, **Susan Denton**. Be sure to say "Thanks" to Susan and thank you to all of you participated in any way.

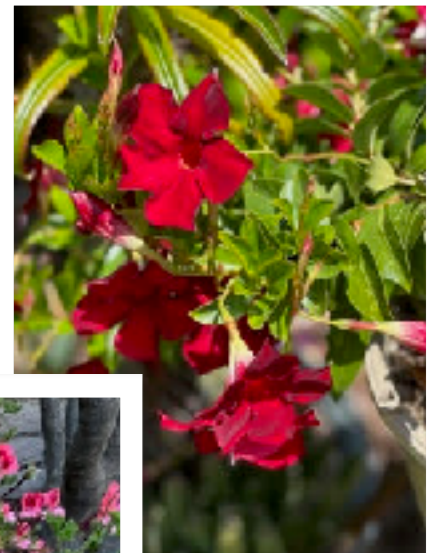


My garden is happy and blooming with flowers. I transitioned from all succulents to some flowering pollinator

plants, and it's made the hummingbirds, bees and me very happy. Also, the native milkweed I planted last year came back this year. I thought it was gone, but it showed up and has spread and it is ready to bloom. Yes, I am smiling.

Thank you again, dear members. Enjoy a wonderful summer.

Love,





## Billy Goodnick

### *Santa Barbara Landscape Architect / Garden Designer*

I wasn't always a landscape architect specializing in affordable, low-water gardens in a wide range of styles. While enjoying a successful career as an LA studio drummer, I discovered the world of plants via bonsai and Japanese gardens. My studies in ornamental horticulture led to work in nursery sales, landscape installation, garden maintenance and design.



Frustrated with my limited arsenal — and increasingly frequent visits to the chiropractor — I returned to school and earned a degree with honors in landscape architecture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and landed a



sweet gig as City Landscape Architect for Santa Barbara.

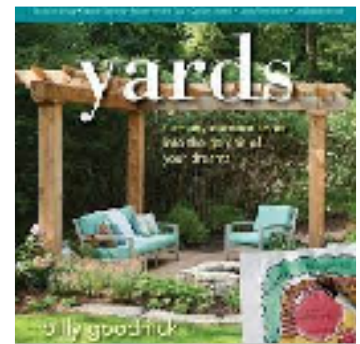
My 20+ years of work with the Parks & Recreation Department included designing and managing the construction of parks, playgrounds and public gardens and developing policies that continue to enhance the public spaces of one of the world's most beautiful cities.

Not one to sit on my haunches, in 1990, I developed an entertaining and informative adult education class to demystify garden design for homeowners, then took a teaching position at the local community college. I co-created and hosted the public TV show *Garden Wise Guys* (now *Garden Wise*) and in 2013, authored a highly popular book on residential landscape design. *Yards: Turn Any Outdoor Space Into the Garden of Your Dreams*, St. Lynn's Press, was a popular hit and led to lectures at



botanical gardens and appearances at garden shows around the country. Throughout these years, I built my landscape consulting business to serve homeowners in the greater Santa Barbara area.  
-Billy Goodnick

We are looking forward to hearing Billy talk about *Water Wise California native plants for coastal gardens*.



## 2022 Gate & Garden Tour

*LBGC's Major Fundraiser, AKA It takes a Village*

**W**e all know about this club's fabulous Gate & Garden Tour. But do you know the rich history of the tour? Do you have any idea about the months of preparation and the hundreds of hours and volunteers that make this happen? I will give you description of a year in the life of planning a colossal tour!

The Gate & Garden tour was started by one our favorite members, **Nancy Englund**, who dreamed of a "walking tour". Nancy developed the tour into a once a year event in May to show off Laguna's gardens at their finest hour. The warmth and love that Nancy shows to all of us was a hallmark of her tours, and drew the attention of the entire community, and built the reputation that continues to exist today. After many years of taking on this task, she was tapped to be President. Nancy's skill as a gardener, married with her ease with people, made her a perfect match. In 2018 I had the honor of shadowing Nancy who taught me the tricks of the tour and I decided to follow in her footsteps and take the tour on as my own. I decided to try to make it bigger and more profitable in order to assist our club's efforts to reach out to the community in our scholarship and community project efforts. I brought on sponsors and found us a forever-venue in the Laguna Beach County Water District. I was struck by good fortune when a lovely brand new retiree named **Susan Denton** walked into one of our meetings for the very first time. I happened to be volunteer wrangling on that day and managed to get her to take over the entire task known as "ticketing". She was fabulous at it and got us on to the super-efficient Eventbrite system that is now our standard.



Susan has brought a level of organization to our event that rivals a Fortune 500 company! Every task is orchestrated and each committee is completely prepared to meet their challenges. Susan is a wonderful leader, tireless, thoughtful yet very decisive, which is a key to success. She has grown ticket sales from the 450 to close to over 700+ this year. *Laguna Beach Garden Club* is incredibly lucky to have such a talented member that is so willing to share her skills with all of us.

The planning for this event starts a month or two after the tour ends in May. Sponsors need to be found, budgets need to be made, homeowners need to be charmed and cajoled into allowing their private spaces to have several hundred guests. These things take months of work with several times a month scouting walks to find the best location that has gardens that have not been visited before. By January of tour year the entire marketing and advertising strategy is launched and the machine begins to churn its





way to tour day! **Carolyn Bent**, who is the “pure magic” behind all our graphic needs for ads, signs, posters, flyers, banners and whatever other crazy stuff we think up, is truly the one that makes our public face be so polished and professional. She never becomes impatient with our dozens of changes and edits and is always open to hearing new ideas. **Without Carolyn’s help the tour would definitely not have been voted one of LA Times top 10 garden tours in Southern California.**

So now you are fully versed in what it takes to create the magical event that we all get to take ownership of, the major fundraiser for the Laguna Beach Garden Club. Susan Denton and I have decided to join forces and co-chair the event for 2023 & 2024. I am fortunate to have worked with her since 2019 and now am honored to count her as a very close friend. See the great things that can happen when you just jump in, volunteer and meet the wonderful people in this club!

-Karen Nelson



### **The Plant ID Team Really Rocks!**

Monday, May 2 an intrepid team of Garden Club members armed with bags of rocks and black Sharpie pens descended on the 9 gardens of the tour to identify as many plants as they could. Under the guidance of **Ruben Flores & Nancy Englund, Dana Victorson, Gary Selufsky, Janet Chance, Brian & Mary Jones, ElizaBeth Chapel, John Holcombe and Dalynn Malek** jotted down plant names as fast as Ruben could say them. It was a fun day!



## 2022 Gate & Garden Tour

### *Another Successful One In The Books*

**A** sellout success describes the 2022 Gate & Garden Tour. Approximately seven hundred people, including tour goers and club members, enjoyed the perfect weather day, beginning at LB Water District with cookies and raffle ticket buying, before boarding a shuttle bus to explore the 9 gardens on the route through north Laguna. Almost 80 club members volunteered their time to insure the comfort and enjoyment of our guests. Although if a vote was taken, the margarita bar would probably win as the area offering the most comfort & enjoyment!

Each year the tour is fine-tuned to expand the experience of the day and Tour Director **Susan Denton's** efforts were evident throughout the event. Not resting on their laurels, Susan and partner in fun **Karen Nelson** are already thinking about the 2023 tour and what it will bring. Great job one and all!

Congratulations to the **Gate & Garden Tour Water Wise garden winner**, "Tutu's Garden". Suzy Lawson planned her landscaping with water conservation in mind. Today, established plants and perennials reseed the front yard, making it both low water use and low maintenance. For the backyard, Suzy made the waterwise decision to remove the lush lawn and replace it with gravel and stones, which create a calm Zen-like feeling around a lap pool.



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Plein air painters in gardens, tacos & margaritas and free cookies at the Water District, and ladies in perfect garden touring attire were only a few of the sights captured during the day of the Tour. A wide variety of wonderful experiences was available for those in attendance.

## Gate & Garden Tour Raffle

### *Amazing Prizes and Surprises*

**W**hat a fantastic Tour, held May 7, and the Raffle was super fun and successful. Now it's my turn to boast, congratulate all the raffle winners, thank all those who purchased chances to win one of the prizes, those who donated items to ensure the success of the raffle, and thank all who helped me organize, set up, and sell tickets. To name a few: **Diane Lannon & JoAnn DeYonker** spent hours organizing before the event & setting up the day of, making it all look wonderful, plus JoAnn sold tickets. **Alison Jax & Alyson Elias Calles** (my daughter and her friend) spent the day handling Credit Card sales; while **Sue Field, Susan Scott, Brooke Taylor, Avra Kouffman, Norman Powell, and I** sold tickets.



The raffle included 23 bundles of incredible items by local artists, restaurants, winery, businesses and our own garden club members. With particular appreciation to **Dana Point Nursery** for their generous donations (Yes, I mean plural). Owner, Brooke Cuevas, generously donated the two items that made up this year's Special Raffle: (1) Orchid Arrangement with \$250 gift card to the nursery & 2-night stay at the Belmond El Encanto in Santa Barbara [won by **Janet Chance**] and (2) Jasmine Trellis, Climbing Roses, and Cachepot Flowers Display [won by **Dean Day**]. Both items were highly sought after. Tickets were \$50 each or 3 for \$100. What a "Special" offering it was.

Raffle Winners were notified by phone to schedule pick-up.

Lisa Pegan	#1 Ceramic Mosaic by Jesse Bartels	\$500
Wendy Schiffman	#2 Day at the beach (gift card, umbrella, hat, & bag)	\$455
Linda McGrath	#3 Harvest Basket by Laguna Nursery	\$250
Myrna Liepold	#4 Scott Moore lithograph & Hobie gift card	\$190
Joyce Gilliam	#5 Stained Glass Heart by Barbara Bond	\$350
Ron Yznunza	#6 "Ascend" by David Kizziar & Tuvalu gift card	\$175
Danielle Halpern	#7 "Cherries" by Maggie Siegel	\$200
Malou Geronca	#8 Sterling Silver Jewelry by Cookie Lee	\$240
Linda Coll	#9 Succulent Wreath, mat, watering cans, & gift card	\$235
Norman Powell	#10 Clothing, Jewelry from Duet, Louise's Place, & Cookie Lee	\$290
Janet Chance	#12 Crystal Dolphins & bud vase from M. Payson & G. Waite	\$335
Gina Mead	#13 Total Wine & More – Wine class for 20	\$500
Janice Walter	#14 Metal Cactus (Laguna Iguana) & Sherman Gardens Tour	\$265
Wendy Schaller	#15 3-Course Meal for 2 at Splashes at Surf & Sand Resort	\$300
Gayle Waite	#16 Gift Cards: Alessa/Salernos, Lumberyard, Zinc Café	\$250



Shari Yamamoto	#17 Gift Cards: Starfish, Nirvana Grille, Ristorante Rumari	\$300
Mae Ho	#18 Wine Tasting at Bianchi & Glazed Crime Coasters	\$350
Laura French	#19 Golf Lab – Swing Analysis & Analysis by LOR PT	\$300
Cesme	#20 USS Midway Tour & Bowling Party	\$290
Polly Parke	#21 Gift Cards: Rock Martin, Pure Pilates, Laguna Coast Pottery	\$350
Gail Pratt	#22 Ceramic Mosaic Planter by Marlo Bartels	\$750
Bjors	#23 Gardener's Delight: stand, basket, plants, & pots	\$275





# Sister Cities Garden Crew Spruces Up For Spring

Planting more roses in the Sister Cities Gardens  
(clockwise from right)  
Synthia Scofield and Marilyn Ghre  
Kathleen Kane and Marilyn Ghre  
Sandy Smith





## 2020-2022 Recognition Award Winners

For the past three years, LBGC has not been able to recognize the outstanding efforts of our members for their spirit of volunteerism. The robust list showcases these fantastic individuals. Kudos!

We are asking all winners to attend the May 13 meeting for a group photo. Congratulations.

### CLUB MEMBER of the YEAR

**Elaine Davis** is a long-time member and recently agreed to step-in as Ways & Means Director for a second time. In order to increase the supply of our hand-sewn denim aprons, she nearly single-handedly (although she did have some helpers) sewed a new stock of these beauties. Each apron takes about 10 hours to complete. Elaine has hosted Green Thumb crafts at her home and works many events.

**Nancy Englund** has served on the Board for nearly 20 years in multiple capacities (Ways & Means, Director of G&GT 15 years, President, Past President, and now Co-Vice President for 2022-23). She volunteers to assist when needed or asked. With her past expertise with the Gate & Garden Tour, she offers much helpfulness to Susan Denton, the current G&GT Director. She has represented the Club at many, many community events, including several interviews on the local radio station. Always ready to help is Nancy's mantra.

**Lynn Jax** has served on the Board since 2011 in various roles (Vice President, President, Past President, Publicity, and now Membership). Other hats she wears include proofreading/editing the newsletter and membership book. Lynn's efforts at fund-raising have paid off for the Club through the raffles and donations. She takes on any role with skill, creativity, and a great attitude. She volunteers for many community activities as well.

### GARDENER of the YEAR

**Sandy Smith** joined February of 2019 and then the world "shut down," but that didn't stop Sandy from volunteering to garden at the Pocket Park, then added assisting at the Garden by the Sea on Main Beach and is one of the intrepid gardeners at the Sister Cities Garden in Heisler Park. She enjoys gardening so much that she even joined the Sister Cities Association so she could continue working in Heisler Park. Thanks, Sandy for your green thumb.

**Susan South** volunteered her garden, nicknamed "Joy," for the 2021 Gate & Garden Tour in Woods Cove and then decided to join in June of 2021. As a new member, Susan shows up for every opportunity with a cheerful attitude and enthusiasm. Susan and her husband work in their garden every day, giving them serenity and much exercise (bending, lifting, pulling, pushing). They replaced the overgrown garden from the previous owner with colorful year-round blooms and accenting foliage. They even added an orchid tree to replace the original one that died. Green thumbs abound among our garden club members.

**Monica Thompson** loves to garden as evidenced by her own garden. Monica assumed the role of organizer/scheduler of all members who wish to volunteer to garden, weed, prune and plant at the Pocket Park and the garden at Main Beach. This spring she also organized the job of replanting the Rose Garden at Laguna Presbyterian Church. Who needs to hire a plumber to install the irrigation? Monica has that skill and knowledge. She also redid the irrigation at the Pocket Park. One extraordinary gardener.

### GARDEN of the YEAR

**Inge Bunn** rejoined the Club this year. She volunteered her garden for the 2022 Gate & Garden Tour. Her garden, dubbed "East Coast Retreat," consists of a series of "garden rooms" which extend the interior space. She renovated, reframed, refurbished the 1920s triplex that was there, into an informal cottage garden. Using plants to create garden walls while maintaining her view, her garden includes African sumac, Mexican sage, Natal plum, and an old Tipu tree; all of which attract songbirds and pollinators.

**Dalynn Malek** hosted the 2021 New Member Luncheon in her spacious garden which offers expansive views of the Saddleback Valley. Nearly 50 members attended, including all Board members. Her favorite color is blue and evidence of that can be seen in the choice of furniture, cushions, and pots that accent her garden. There are several sculptures in the garden; one especially nice specimen is a huge mosaic butterfly that she won at a silent auction a few years ago and has since refurbished herself as she is not only handy with tools but a retired art teacher as well.

**Madeleine McLendon** joined in May 2021. She volunteered her garden for the 2021 Gate & Garden Tour in Woods Cove. The upper section of her garden houses chickens, thus earning the nickname of “Chicken Hill.” She also makes her own honey and decorates by hand-painting porcelain in the Meissen-style in Germany, where she was born and lived until her early 20s. Her garden includes 17 kinds of trees, and she freezes extra fruit, such as blackberries, nectarines, peaches, apples, and figs. There are seven seating areas throughout her garden.

### **ROOKIE of the YEAR**

**Grace Balen** joined in 2019 and the next year she served as Co-Membership Director with Cookie Lee on the Board in 2020-21. She was in charge of keeping the data files of all members current, a daunting task, especially during that challenging year.

**Diane Groh** joined in 2019 and stepped up to serve on the Board as Director of Ways & Means for 2022-23. This past year she assisted at the Ways & Means table with Elaine Davis at each general meeting and helped out with other activities as well. Diane’s past expertise as a CPA, city planning director, and certified nurserywoman will be an asset to her new position.

**Mae Ho** joined in 2019 and has been very generous to the Club with her time and numerous donations (financial, raffle items, and Valentine silent auction). Her willingness to help out is much appreciated.

**Cookie Lee** joined in 2019 and the next year she served on the Board as Co-Membership Director with Grace Balen in 2020-21. Cookie also has been our Number One recruiter for the Club, encouraging her friends and anyone she meets to join our club. Additionally, she has often donated raffle items.

**Kari Nies** joined in December 2019 and volunteered to serve on the Board as Website Director, beginning in 2020 to the present. She previously taught computer programming at local colleges and has since retired. The Club benefits from her technological skills and expertise.

**Jane Leary** joined in May 2021 after volunteering to make cookies with Dee Perry for the G&GT that year. She has volunteered to serve on the Board as Co-Vice President for 2022-23. When help is needed, Jane steps up. When Elaine Davis needed help with sewing aprons, Jane was there. She has handed out flyers at the Farmer’s Market promoting the Valentine Silent Auction and helped the day of the event. Her enthusiasm is much appreciated.

**Gay Redcay** joined in June of 2021. She recently moved to Laguna Beach from the Pasadena area and joined the Club to meet new friends and be of service to the community. And with volunteering to serve on the Board for 2022-23 as Recording Secretary, she has definitely fulfilled that promise to herself.



# Membership Renewal

Thank you to those who have renewed your club membership already. My goal is to achieve a 100% renewal rate of our 200 members, so far as of the end of April, 128 members have renewed, and we gained three brand new members. That makes a nearly 65% renewal rate.

**The deadline to renew your membership to be included in the 2020-2023 Membership Book is **June 15**, no exceptions.**

You can renew:

- at the next the meeting on May 13
- on our website [www.LagunaBeachGardenClub.org](http://www.LagunaBeachGardenClub.org) (Members Only section — contact me for the password).
- use USPS and mail it directly to me at Lynn Jax – 456 Cress St, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Payment choices:

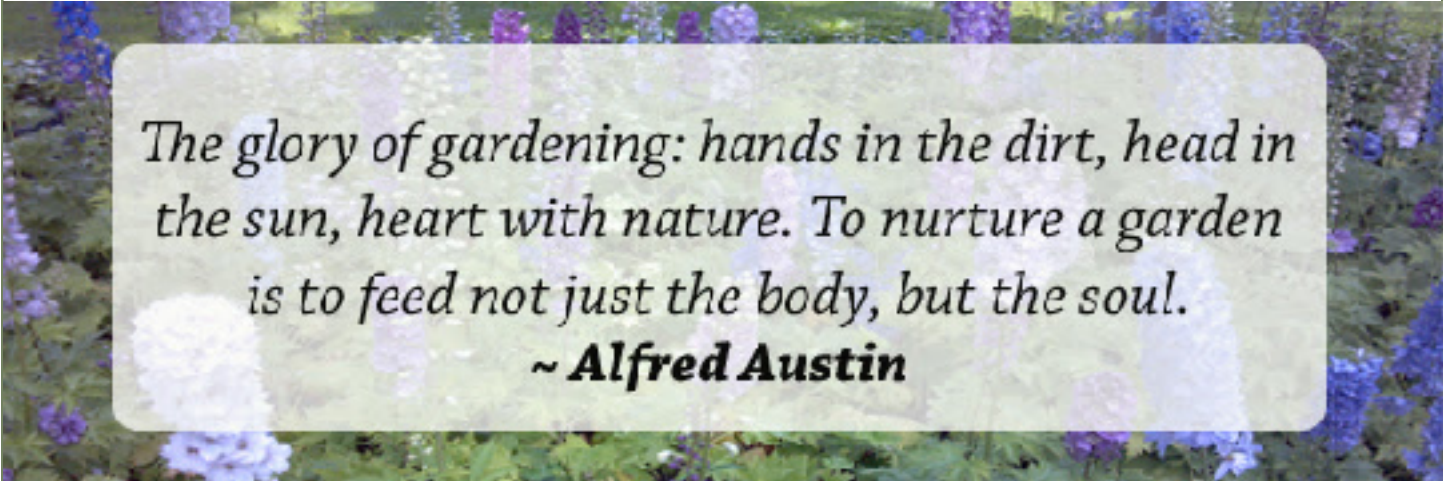
Dues = **\$65** if paid by **CHECK or CASH**. **\$70** if paid by **CREDIT CARD** at a meeting or on our website.

Checks made payable to: Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation with your renewal.

**See the application on the next page for more details.**

Lynn Jax, Director of Membership



*The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.*

**~ Alfred Austin**



## LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB, INC. 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ Returning

☐ Lifetime

☐ New

☐ Rejoining \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined

- 🌱 Complete this form and attach a check for **\$65**, made payable to Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc.  
**Mail to: Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. ~ P.O. Box 362 ~ Laguna Beach, CA 92652**
- 🌱 Membership can be obtained on our website for \$70: [LagunaBeachGardenClub.org](http://LagunaBeachGardenClub.org)
- 🌱 Please consider making a tax-deductible donation in addition to membership dues. Donations of \$25 or more will be recognized on the **Wall of Fame** in our newsletter, membership book and website. Donations can offset some of our expenses or can be earmarked for community projects, scholarships, school gardens, etc.
- 🌱 All donations are tax deductible and much appreciated.

**You do not need to fill out your personal information unless it has changed**

**PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!**

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EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### **This Area MUST be filled out completely**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Your application is considered a photo release, giving Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. permission to use any photos taken at club functions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Dues \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

I can help LBGC with: \_\_\_\_\_



# Plant ID Stakes Order with Elaine Davis at the May 13 meeting



Notice stake style. 10". You can replace one marker with another.

ID markers will be a rectangle in shape **and** will hold 3 lines.

Black ink will be engraved onto pale green markers.

\$ 8.00 for each set of stake and engraved marker.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information if you are not in our directory.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name plates are removable, interchangeable and re-usable for years. Stakes are bendable, but unbreakable and UV stabilized for almost a lifetime of service.

**Complete order form, print more as needed. Print very carefully, typing is preferred. Pay at Ways/Means Table or contact Elaine Davis through May; Diane Groh after May 31. Make check to Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc.**

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**Total Quantity** \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment: Cash** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check** \_\_\_\_\_ **Charge** \_\_\_\_\_

## Rainforest Flora Nursery

The destination for the **Wednesday May 18 Trips & Tours**



One of the nursery partners Jerry Robinson will be speaking to us and leading the tour of this fabulous garden center. It is not to be missed.

We are going on Wednesday, May 18.

We will meet at St. Catherine's Church at 9am and leave at 9:15am. Sign up at the May 13 meeting.



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