



# Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest

Education in the Garden



MARCH 2023  
MEMBER NEWS

*"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."*

— Thomas Jefferson

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Our favorite succulent expert, Debra Lee Baldwin recently posted a YouTube video about how to care for your succulents during and after this rainy season. She provides great tips that will help us to get our water wise plants back in their full splendor. I found it very informative, I hope you do too. Sorry about the ads at the beginning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywplltYKAik>



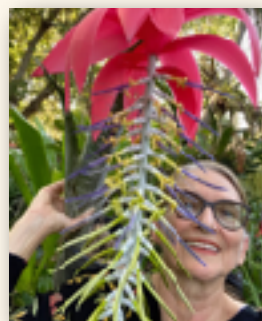
COME JOIN IN  
THE FUN

## Events This Month

### General Meeting March 10

#### Cristy Brenner

Cristy will share information from 25 years of experience growing



Bromeliads. See page 3

Laguna Presbyterian Church  
9:30 am social

10:00 am meeting & speaker

### Green Thumb Crafts March 31

#### Garden Party Hat Making

Sign up and pay at the March 10 meeting.

9:30 a.m. at the home of

**Elaine Davis**

32562 Sea Island Drive Dana Point

Cost: \$15 See page 10

### Trips & Tours April 7

South Coast Botanic Garden. **Note the date change.** Sign up at the March 10 meeting. See page 9

## President's Message

# Savor the Seasons in Your Garden

**W**ell, shiver my briskets but it is cold and soggy out there! Last week I planted and pruned, and this weekend I was going to fertilize my fruit trees except that Mother Nature clearly wants to keep me in my comfy armchair, reading! By the end of next week I will doubtless have a fine crop of weeds to deal with. However, weeding is one of my favorite garden tasks, so bring them on.

I may grumble about the rain, but thank goodness we have had so much this year. We still live in a very dry part of the world and climate change is



already having a huge impact. The number of trees that have died in our state is overwhelming, and the over use of groundwater is making things worse in the main agricultural areas; so when you plant this Spring be waterwise, use mulch, and switch to drip irrigation.

My native garden is in its third year and there are only a few gaps to fill in, but I am leaving some open areas for our native bees to nest.

**See you at Arbor Day on March 9th at Moulton Meadows Park from 3 to 5pm and the LBGC meeting on March 10.**

-Janet

If you want to get that head start on buying tomato plants – your chance is now.

## Roger's Gardens Annual Tomatomania Sale

Friday, March 3 – Sunday, March 12  
from 9 AM – 6 PM Daily

“The world’s largest (and most fun) tomato plant sale” comes to Roger’s Gardens for the 12th year. Scott Daigre and his staff of Tomatomaniacs offer an astonishing selection of over 250 varieties of heirloom and hybrid tomato plants, including new varieties for 2023. Connect with other tomato enthusiasts and immerse yourself in live streams that will make you want to learn more about these special plants. Experts will answer any questions to ensure a successful tomato season.

Happy Tomato Hunting





**Cristy Brenner shares her passion for this exotic flowering plant**

## *Bromeliads in the Southern California Garden*

**B**romeliads form a very large plant family with many different varieties that are easily grown in our local outdoor conditions. **Cristy Brenner** is a retired Saddleback College geography teacher and is the past president of the Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society and current editor of their newsletter. She is also a member of our Laguna Beach Garden Club!

She will share over twenty-five years of experience growing these interesting plants that are perfect for Southern California gardens, most of which require very little water.

Cristy has also traveled extensively to see how these plants grow in habitat and has photographed them in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

Come listen and see what is sure to be a treat for our members and guests!

See you Friday,  
March 19, at 9:30am!



### **Arbor Day 2023**

March 9, 2023  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The garden club is hosting a table at the City of Laguna Beach Annual Arbor Day Celebration at **Moulton Meadows Park** in Laguna on Thursday, March 9 from 3 pm – 5 pm.

We will be hosting a rock painting activity for children. The Arbor Day event will also feature a tree planting ceremony.

# A Very Fine Valentine Event

**T**he Plant & Planter Sale was a big success, a delightful opportunity to learn about vegetable gardening and to raise some money. Thank you to the volunteers and everyone who contributed to the success! Fundraisers allow the garden club

to support more pollinator gardens around town and to continue to contribute to school gardens and scholarships.

**By the numbers, the silent auction of 67 gorgeous container gardens raised over \$3000! Norman's Plant Table & Vintage Boutique brought in more than ever at almost \$400, raffle ticket sales contributed almost \$1000, one hundred tickets to the Gate & garden Tour were sold! The grand total is more than \$10,000 but the number I am proudest of is five; we have five new members!**

A special thank you to master gardeners **Ingrid Cebula** and **Diane Groh** for their informative and humorous presentation. Also, the volunteers who greeted,, priced and generally made the event run smoothly. In addition to the indefatigable board, I'd like to thank **Carolyn Bent, Mary Sanchez, Wendy Schaller, Grace Balen, Judy Curry, Lauren Jarvis, Theresa Cavanaugh, Ty Hatfield, and Pat Acree**. A special shout-out to **Patty**

**Gaffney** who donated three paintings to the silent auction, which accounted for 25% of the auction total. Thank you. I'm already making plans for next year!  
-Nancy Englund





# Gate & Garden Tour Garden Party Hat Contest

I pondered the question of when and how garden parties became a “thing”. Doing the research turned out to be a very fun rabbit hole to go down to write this month’s article. Since we are giving a nod to the coronation of King Charles III that coincides on the day of our tour, I thought I should give the topic a deeper look!

Garden parties began in 1860 under the reign of Queen Victoria and was a way for the Royals to mingle with the upper class. Change began in the post-WWII era under King George VI when the guest list became more democratic. Invitations were sent to members of the community that had made significant contributions to the betterment of society. Nowadays, names for the guest list are put forward by the government, the armed services, and different charities. The dress code is still formal with men wearing morning suits and ladies wearing dresses and hats or fascinators. For those of you (like me) who do not know what a fascinator is, it is a headband with a decoration attached. Which brings us full circle to the topic of the **Garden Party Hat Contest**.



We thought it would be fun to have an added feature to our tour by having a garden party hat contest. **Kate Guerra-Hershey** has volunteered to chair the committee and has come up with the following fun ideas for the contest. We will have 3 categories:

- **Most Chic**
- **For the Birds**
- **Best Handmade/Up-cycled**

Giving an opportunity all those (men and women) who want to enter to make their own hat, wear something fun that they already have or buy a fancy hat to wear the day of the tour! To enter the contest, check in at the registration table at the *Gate & Garden Tour* on tour day wearing your hat and have Kate take your picture before going on your way to enjoy the tour. At 3:00 the judges will convene and choose from the photos and choose 1 winner in each category.

The images that I will leave you with for inspiration is a painting commissioned by Queen Victoria of the Jubilee Garden Party of 1897 contrasted with the 2022 version of the Garden Party hosted by Catherine, Princess of Wales. I cannot wait to see the images that our *2023 Gate & Garden Tour* will produce for the public to enjoy for the next 100 years! Get your creativity flowing and plan your favorite hat. You already know that mine will incorporate a “bee” in the design somehow!

**Tell your friends and neighbors to get their tickets early, on sale now at [lagunabeachgardenclub.com](http://lagunabeachgardenclub.com) Timed Entry tickets are \$60. VIP Flex time plus food and drink tickets \$80. Remember that we have sold out the last 4 years.....**

-Karen Nelson



## A Fun Day in the Almost Sun



“And a good time was had by all!” On a chilly morning, March 4, your Garden Club marched in the Patriots Day Parade in Laguna Beach. We smiled, we waved, and we entertained the people who waved back, clapped and cheered! In our aprons and flowered hats, we thoroughly entertained, and more importantly, we drew attention to the value of the Garden Club in the community.

Thank you to the 28 members, spouses, grandchildren, and dog who participated in our ensemble. A special thank you to **Carolyn Bent** who transformed our blue Miata convertible into such beauty! Also thank you to the *Rakettes* for learning and performing a routine to delight the crowd, to the rest of the members who carried the two club banners, and to those who distributed hundreds of Gate & Garden Tour post cards. Kudos to all!!! -Diane Klope







## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Hortense Miller Garden Open House

**Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 10:30am – 2:30pm**

There is continuous Shuttle Bus service from the parking lot of First Church of Christ Scientist, at 635 High Drive, Laguna Beach

This hidden Laguna Gem features a 2.5 acre garden with over a dozen unique trails and a pristine Mid-Century Modern home built by Knowlton Fernald in 1958 on the slope of Boat Canyon. Tucked under towering Torrey Pines, planted from one gallon saplings in 1959, there are over 1000 plant species of which about 150 are California natives. The wondrous variety gives the garden color and texture during every season. The home's walls of glass offer breathtaking ocean views. The original furnishings give the home a rare authenticity, fitting of a true Laguna artist.

Free Art Workshop for Children. Sack lunches permitted. Beekeeper Talk at noon.

Walking shoes recommended. Garden tours offered every hour. House open to tour.

Books by Hortense Miller, as well as container gardens and garden art available for sale.

No reservation necessary. **Admission is free.** Donations gratefully accepted.

For more information: [www.hortensemillergarden.org](http://www.hortensemillergarden.org) or call 949-374-2696



#### Friends of Hortense Miller Garden

P.O. Box 742 Laguna Beach, CA 92651

[www.hortensemillergarden.org](http://www.hortensemillergarden.org)

501(c)(3) Tax ID # 95-3131731



We are looking for volunteers that day to help out with plant sales, greeters as patrons arrive, refreshments for a couple of hours during the 10:30 - 2:30 timeframe. I'll have a sign up sheet at the March meeting as well.

Contact: Diane Lannon  
[diane.lannon@gmail.com](mailto:diane.lannon@gmail.com)  
949.374.2696

## Volunteers Needed – Gate & Garden Tour

**O**ur biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching. The weeks leading up to the tour is busy – busy – busy for the tour directors and all chairpersons who assist **Susan Denton and Karen Nelson**. We all rely on club members to volunteer your time and skills.

One of the items our tour guests comment about and most enjoy every year is the warmth and friendliness of our volunteer members. That is you, of course... the warm, kind, fun members of the Laguna Beach Garden Club.

We need members who welcome tour goers at the registration table, members who sell them raffle tickets, help them with spa water or a delicious home-baked cookie. We also need volunteers to serve as docents in each of the beautiful gardens on the tour. This year we are also seeking members to specifically assist with set-up and take down. And also, members are needed to serve as club ambassadors at the Water District; greeting guests, answering questions, guiding them around the grounds and other duties as assigned.

Shifts will be morning or afternoon and will last 3.5 hours. Please contact Mariann Keenan with questions or to volunteer.

Email: [okeenan04@gmail.com](mailto:okeenan04@gmail.com)

Phone: 973-476-7178

There will be a sign-up sheet at March and April meetings as well. BIG Thank you in advance. We have lots of fun at this event. Please join us. Here's my picture with my puppy dog Tripp for new members who may not recognize us.



### GO ON, GET OUT THERE!!



Between storms and while the trails were dry, **Dee Perry** and I hit the Laguna Canyon Wilderness hiking trails. We parked at the Willow parking lot and headed up Willow Canyon Trail to the Bommer Ridge Trail and back out the way we came.

A challenging but fun 5 miler!

Along the way we spotted some California Golden Poppies, not many, just enough to make us smile.

If you ever want to do a weekday hike in our beautiful, treasured wilderness - short or long, fast or slow - I'm game for anything - as you can see by my personalized license plate ♡2BHIKN

Email me at [janeleary12@gmail.com](mailto:janeleary12@gmail.com) and we'll do it! -Jane Leary





# Get Involved & Participate

## Trips & Tours

### South Coast Botanic Garden



**T**he South Coast Botanic Garden is a 87 acres botanical garden in the Palos Verdes Hills, in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, California, about 10 miles south of Los Angeles. Unique from the start, South Coast Botanic Garden is one of the world's first botanical gardens to be developed over a sanitary landfill. The Garden is a masterpiece of creative land reclamation and environment improvement for all to share.

We will visit this beautiful garden on **Friday, April 7** (note the date change). Sign up and get more information from **Synthia Scofield** at the March



## February Volunteer of the Month & Name Tag Wearer

New member **Deborah Sanchez** name was selected as Volunteer of the Month. She has been a member since 2021.



Lucky name tag wearer **Diane Hand** received some plant watering spikes for wearing her green LBGC name tag at the meeting. Diane has been a member since 2022.

# Club Activities & Opportunities

## Green Thumb Craft



### *Garden Party Hat Making Workshop*

Friday March 31 - 9:30 a.m. at the  
home of  
**Elaine Davis**  
32562 Sea Island Drive Dana Point  
Cost: \$15

This year our Gate & Garden Tour  
will feature a garden party hat  
contest and this month's workshop  
will help to provide inspiration for  
your creation.

Participants will bring their own hats  
to decorate using items that they  
bring from home, plus decorations  
that will be provided.

More details when you sign up at the  
March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Hope you can join us!

## Calling All Members Could you be our next Treasurer? \$\$

Kindly join me in thanking **Brian and Mary Jones** who have served the club as Co-Treasurers for almost two years now. We limit the term to two years for security reasons. Brian and Mary will now step into the role of Financial Secretary and remain available to assist the new treasurer.

Please check the Membership Book (page # 48) for the duties and qualifications to serve as treasurer. If you have experience in finance or accounting, the nominating committee would love to chat with you.

If you have questions about what to expect please feel free to chat with Mary and Brian Jones or with Patty Gaffney at the March Meeting. You can also contact Mariann Keenan via email at [okeenan04@gmail.com](mailto:okeenan04@gmail.com) or by phone at 973-476-7178.

Remember, all of our Board Positions are filled by volunteers. We meet once a month. We support each other and we have a lot of fun. Please consider joining us.

-Mariann Keenan





## Meet Ruben Flores and Laguna Nursery

Ruben was born and raised in Southern California in the San Gabriel Valley where he was one of five kids where there was always something going on and projects to do. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade he tended his own large (80'x80'), and bountiful vegetable garden in hot, windy Rialto; and in his early teens he started caring for his neighbor's gardens, including trees, shrubs, flowers, orchids, and their vegetable gardens. He has always been fascinated by diverse growing conditions, taking notice of the tiny flowering plant on a rocky hillside and wondering how it survives and even flourishes. Immediately after high school, he enrolled in Cal Poly Pomona, where he earned a BS degree in Ornamental Horticulture and MA degree in Business with an emphasis in Marketing. He has been working in the horticulture field since graduation in 1983.



One of his first jobs in Laguna Beach began with happenstance meeting with a local landscape architect. Early in his career, Ruben was giving lectures at various universities on his thesis - Coastal Plants in Southern California. A member of the audience met him afterward and asked for Ruben's help on a property that he was designing, Villa Elena, located on the ocean side of Coast Highway across the street from the hospital. He quickly learned the difference between a landscape architect and an ornamental horticulturist; the former focuses on hardscape and design (possibly using a block wall and then covering with a vine), whereas the latter solves issues of retaining walls or fences with plants, trees, and shrubs, whose roots go deep in the soil to stabilize the hillside or provide privacy.



One of his revelations/inspirations came as a result from a visit to a huge farm (40 acres) in Hawaii where they only use organic materials as barriers. For example, to keep the animals from foraging on the farm produce, they created a four-foot-wide barrier of rosemary, lavender, lemongrass, and lemon verbena. The aroma of the plants plus the depth of the growth prevented the animals from entering or seeing through and trying to force their way through to the produce on the farm. This was a lesson on how to execute barriers without using hardscape, being more environmentally conscious. One plant that is helpful on steep slopes is groupings of asparagus ferns because their bulbous, fibrous roots stabilize erosion. Trim the tops back yearly to reduce the canopy; they will regrow and thus enabling the root system to continue to grow.

Ruben offers an alternative to turf or the undesirable artificial turf – use oregano. It only

requires watering twice a year, and it wards off rabbits and gophers. It can be “mowed” with a hedge cutter or weed whacker and can be walked on. Another landscape suggestion is to plant macadamia nut trees. Once established (within the first year), they only need watering every ten years. The tree provides beautiful flowers, delicious fruits, shade, and hummingbirds love the flowers.

His philosophy as a horticulturist is always asking “how am I filling up that space for the long term?” Use natural materials; everything in moderation; do don’t be selfish; and give back to nature. Beautification should be the key.

He bought his home in Laguna Beach in 1997. His landscape company, **VisionScape**, has allowed him to work in 15 different countries, giving him the joy of traveling and experiencing different cultures and how they address horticulture issues, which include: drought, heat, steep grades, or strong winds. It also provides ideas on how to take advantage of local resources and tackle problems, such as paving, plantings, watering, art, views or outdoor entertaining. VisionScape offers landscape consultations.



His travels also offer opportunities to bring some fabulous specimens back to the States for his customers at Laguna Nursery to use in their newly inspired gardens or to enhance their established ones. The inspiration for Ruben’s vision of his own nursery came from such places as Tavern on the Green in NYC, Roger’s Gardens in Corona del Mar, the Organerie at Versailles, Kew Gardens in London, and the Alhambra in Spain. He first opened Laguna Nursery in 2008 with a wish of creating a



boutique nursery that is magical, inspirational, and a whimsical place filled with frivolity that specializes in true organic gardening. He wants customers to feel joy. The nursery is filled with items from around the world and in every price range: items from movie sets and theater/television props; plants, fountains, statuary, home goods and so much more. Ruben tries to bring things into the nursery that he would use in design of a garden he would install; exterior design such as contemporary, cottage, traditional, Mediterranean, California sleek. He strongly believes in mixing in a piece of strong antiquity with a modern setting; mid-century end table or low-slung sofa or

adding an urn of a particular color that blends with the décor. Visiting Laguna Nursery is like walking into a museum, but the items are things you can bring home.

The original location of the nursery began in 2008, located on Coast Hwy in the village areas of town, when the property became available. When he was painting some of the structure, his mother reminded him of visiting Laguna Beach as a child and his insistence as a toddler of walking through



the rows of ground cover and flowers planted in the ground outside the nursery. That distant memory flooded back to him in the realization that he now owns that same nursery.

The nursery has since moved to its current location at 481 N. Coast Hwy, near Myrtle Street; the sense of joy is definitely apparent when one enters. The nursery offers everything other nurseries have and focuses on plants that grow in Laguna Beach:

- trees (peach, apple, citrus, Australian finger limes, strawberry trees, avocado, macadamia nut)
- herbs
- seasonal veggies
- seeds
- flowers



Ruben has been a longtime supporter of Laguna Beach Garden Club, dating back to the 1990s. The club members are some of the nicest people, who possess the qualities of down-to earth kindness and philosophy of not stressing if a plant doesn't come in on time, eventually it will bloom. Ruben has been an official member of the club since 2013. He has helped many members with their individual gardens. A short list of Ruben's contributions to the club include: designing Sister Cities Garden (selecting the plants that Three Sister Cities have in common with Laguna and assisting with the actual planting); volunteering his time to guide us who write on rocks to ID the plants in each garden on the Gate & Garden Tour; connecting with homeowners of fabulous local gardens to recommend potential gardens for the Gate & Garden Tour; sponsoring the Gate & Garden Tour in 2022 and upcoming 2023; and donating to raffles for the club.



Ruben is also active in Laguna Beach. He was president of Laguna Beach Beautification Council for 5 years; is actively involved in South Laguna Community Garden; is working with the city to involve the club in refurbishing Jahraus Park (across the street from the Art Museum), which has the potential for a garden park with shaded small amphitheater; is a member of many other professional organizations.



**So remember Laguna Nursery and all it has to offer.**

Ruben is planning a trip to the Flower Fields in Carlsbad on Saturday, March 25. Call the nursery for details.

Submitted by: Lynn Jax



# Recognition Awards

It's time to look around closely for garden club members you want to nominate for this year's Recognition Awards as listed below. [See page 44 of your Membership Book for more details].

Although the deadline is not until April, it's never too early to make observations. The nomination form appears in the newsletter, I'll have copies at the March and April meetings, and it is on the website. You may nominate more than one person in any of the categories.

**Feel free to contact me with any questions or clarification.**

**Mariann Keenan Email: [okeenan04@gmail.com](mailto:okeenan04@gmail.com) or call 973-476-7178.**

Previous Recognition Recipients include:

## 2017

- Club Members of the Year: Carolyn Bent, Linda Homscheid
- Garden of the Year: Nancy Englund
- Gardener of the Year: Lisa Fecteau
- Rookie of the Year: Monette Weiss

## 2018

- Club Member of the Year: Chris Lutz
- Garden of the Year: Mariann Keenan
- Gardeners of the Year: Synthia Scofield, Marilyn Ghery, Kathleen Kane
- Rookies of the Year: Becky Martin, Norman Powell

## 2019

- Club Members of the Year: Jeanne Yale, Dalynn Malek
- Garden of the Year: Dana Victorson
- Gardener of the Year: Sherry Stephens
- Rookies of the Year: Patty Gaffney, Susan Denton, Diane Olson

## 2020-2022

- Club Members of Year: Elaine Davis, Nancy Englund, Lynn Jax
- Garden of the Year: Inge Bunn, Dalynn Malek, Madeleine McLendon
- Gardener of the Year: Sandy Smith, Susan South, Monica Thompson
- Rookies of the Year: Grace Balen, Diane Groh, Mae Ho, Jane Leary, Cookie Lee, Kari Nies, Gay Redcay







### Recognition Award 2023 Nomination Form

Check the category:

- ☐ Club Member of the Year  
☐ Gardener of the Year  
☐ Garden of the Year  
☐ Rookie of the Year (AKA: New Member)

**\* Use a separate form for each Nomination.**

**DEADLINE: April 14, 2023**

Recognizing each other's efforts shows our appreciation towards our own, and to those who are acknowledged by their fellow club members for their spirit of volunteerism, it makes this award of distinguished merit mean so much more.

Nominate a club member who you know has done an extraordinary and/or consistent job for the club.

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print clearly)

Please write 2 to 3 sentences of explanation or description of this nominee's efforts for the category for which you nominated. (Use the back of the form, if necessary.)

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Please return to Mariann Keenan via:

- E: [okeenan04@gmail.com](mailto:okeenan04@gmail.com)
- or mail to: 3312 – B Calle Amadeo, Laguna Woods, CA 92637
- or deliver in person at the April 14, 2023 meeting.

Name of person nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Annual Photo Contest – Deadline for submissions April 28

It's that time again and the deadline to submit is fast approaching. Members submit photographs from their gardens for our annual photography contest. The first and second place entries are featured on the front and back covers of our Membership Book. The winner of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual contest is Laurie Jocham's photo of her flower garden [front cover], and Maggie Siegel's mosaic mailbox surrounded by roses is the second-place winner [back cover].

### Photo Contest Rules

1. Photo entries are due Photo Contest chair, Perry Stampfel, by **Friday, April 28, 2023**.
2. Only one entry per Garden Club member is allowed.
3. Renewed membership is required.
4. *Horizontal entries are preferred, but square is OK also.*
5. *Vertical photos will be disqualified.*
6. The entry must be a recent photo of some part of the member's garden.
7. By submitting the entry, the member declares that he/she owns the rights to the photo.
8. Entries will be judged by the Board by the end of the club year.
9. The first and second place winner's photos will be featured on the front and back cover of the 2023-24 Membership Book, respectively.

Submissions should be sent to Perry Stampfel via email. You will receive a reply confirming that your photo has been received.

Rules are also listed on page 53 of your Membership Book.

For information contact:

Perry Stampfel  
456 Cress Street  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Home: 949-497-7363 or Cell: 949-294-1502

Email: [stampfeljax@cox.net](mailto:stampfeljax@cox.net) or [stampfel@icloud.com](mailto:stampfel@icloud.com)





# Budget Committee Report for LBGC Final Budget for 2023-2024

Please review the Final Budget for 2023-2024. We will be taking a vote in March.

The Budget Committee consisting of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Director of Ways and Means prepares an annual budget to be sent to the membership in early March. It is the goal of a 501(c)(3) non-profit to have Gross Profit and Total Expenses for the year match.

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 - Donations		10,000.00
4050 - Plant Table Donations		1,000.00
4100 - Garden Tours Income		23,400.00
4300 - Membership Dues		13,000.00
4400 - Penny Pines Donations		0.00
4500 - Raffle Income		4,000.00
4600 - Special Events Income		0.00
4700 - Restricted Donations		
4720 - Community Projects Restr		0.00
4730 - Gate & Garden Tour Restricted		0.00
4700 - Restricted Donations - Other		0.00
Total 4700 - Restricted Donations		0.00
4950 - Taxable Sales		2,000.00
Total Income		53,400.00
Cost of Goods Sold		
5000 - Cost of Taxable Sales		1,000.00
Total COGS		1,000.00
Gross Profit		52,400.00
Expense		
Direct Expenses		
5100 - Contributions and Donations		13,070.00
5700 - Regular Speaker Expenses		
5710 - Professional Fees		7,000.00
5730 - Air, Hotel & Meals		2,000.00
5760 - Program Expenses		0.00
5700 - Regular Speaker Expenses - Other		0.00
Total 5700 - Regular Speaker Expenses		9,000.00
6500 - Special Events Cost		300.00
7000 - Gate & Garden Tour Expenses		12,400.00
Total Direct Expenses		34,770.00
General & Administrative		
8100 - Accounting & Professional Serv		2,850.00
8200 - Bank Chages		1,000.00
8350 - Insurance		700.00
8500 - Promotion - Publicity		500.00
8800 - Dues and Fees		1,080.00
9000 - Club Expenses		1,850.00
9200 - Hospitality Supplies		0.00
9500 - Rent		3,150.00
9700 - Website, Email & Technology Ser		6,500.00
Total General & Administrative		17,630.00
Total Expense		52,400.00
Net Income		0.00

## February Raffle Winners

What a fabulous assortment of raffle items were available during the fun February meeting.

The lucky winners of were:

- Perry Stampfel – Succulent Wreath from Jeanne Yale
- Cindy Succa – Valentine Basket donated by LBGC board
- Karina Page – Mosaic Heart & Coyote Grill gift card
- Sue Moore – Laguna Coast Pottery gift cards (\$100)
- Sue Field – Metal Barrel Cactus from Laguna Iguana
- Elizabeth Kramer – Two Garden Books
- Sylvia Elder – Tailoring & Robe from Mimi's Tailoring & Design
- Carolyn Muzyka – Laguna Coast Pottery gift cards (\$100)
- Judy Flanders – Metal Hummingbird donated by Mariann Keenan
- Kathy Goodwin – Wood-burned Bee by Matt Willey

[Good of the Hive]

Congratulations to all of those who went home with wonderful prizes.

**The next raffle will be held at the Gate & Garden Tour on Saturday, May 6, 2023.** I welcome any additions to enhance the Gate & Garden Tour raffle.

**On the next page is the Merchant Raffle letter which you can print and bring to your favorite shop or restaurant to ask for a donation.** If you would like a PDF copy sent to you directly, email me.

I will bring copies of this same letter to the next meeting, also. Stop by the Membership Table to pick one up. Many hands make light work (especially for me). I really need about 30 items for the G&GT raffle.

I appreciate your help.

To donate  
please  
contact Lynn  
Jax email:  
[jax@cox.net](mailto:jax@cox.net)







Dear Merchant,

Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. is requesting a raffle donation our Major Raffle of the year, which will be held:

- **May 6, 2023** at our annual Gate & Garden Tour, our major fundraiser for the year. Deadline: April 28, 2023.

Laguna Beach Garden Club is a service organization founded in 1928 that now has 200+ members from all over Orange County.

The money raised from these raffles is used to fund school gardens, specifically Top of the World Elementary, El Morro Elementary, and Thurston Middle School. Additionally, we offer scholarships to students at Laguna Beach High School and to horticultural students at Saddleback Community College. We also use the money for our monthly educational speaker series and to fund our civic beautification projects within Laguna Beach.

**Please complete the attached Raffle Donation Form. [If you have time - otherwise contact Lynn Jax]**

Lynn Jax can be contacted via email or by telephone to arrange for pick-up of any item donated, including a gift card. I am more than willing to stop by at your convenience.

*Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. 456 Cress Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92652*

*ATTN: Lynn Jax*

**Benefits to Donors:**

- Recognized with your name & donor level: *(linking your business website to appropriate places)*
  - **LBGC website**, viewed by hundreds of members & non-members annually
  - LBGC *Weeder's Digest* (monthly newsletter)
  - LBGC 2023-24 **Membership Book**
  - **Gate & Garden Tour Brochure** – given to 600+ ticket holders (local, surrounding areas, & other states).
- Name added to **In-Kind Donor Wall of Fame** – Levels:
  - **Monarch** \$1000 +
  - **Pelargonium** \$500 - \$999
  - **Poppy** \$100 - \$499
  - **Aloe** \$25 - \$99

Thank you in advance for your generosity. You have always been so generous in the past, and we are most appreciative.

*Lynn Jax*

Lynn Jax, Director of Membership & Raffle Administrator

E: [jax@cox.net](mailto:jax@cox.net) C:949-294-1500 or Home: 949-497-7363

Our Federal Tax ID number is listed below.



## Merchant Raffle Donation Form

Return this completed form with your donation **OR** if using USPS, mail to:

*Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. 456 Cress Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651*

*ATTN: Lynn Jax*

**Donor/Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** you would like to be acknowledged: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Item Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Retail Value:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is item **No Exchanges or Returns?** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Garden Club Member name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info:** Email or phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



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