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GROWING & GIVING

Laguna Beach Garden Club

Weeder's Digest



OCTOBER 2016

MEMBER NEWS

• Get Involved • Make a difference • Make New Friends • Have Fun

The bright colors of summer are a distant memory as we embrace the warm hues of autumn. The fall brings gourds, fallen leaves and pumpkin spiced everything!

COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting Oct. 14th

Zenaida Sengo

Designing with Air Plants- Demystifying Tillandsias. (see page 3) Laguna Presbyterian Church • 9:30 am social 10:00 am meeting

Green Thumb Oct. 21st



Succulent Wreath

October 21st 9:30 am at the home of Jeanne Yale 502 Pearl St., Laguna Beach. \$15.00 (see page 7)

Hortense Miller Craft Day Oct. 25th

Support this Laguna Beach landmark with your donation of planting containers, succulents or your creativity.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm (see page 5)

Holiday Shopping Galleria Oct. 27th

Local artists, wine tasting and savory crepes will be available at Arabella. 11:00 am - 7:00 pm (see page 4) th

Tours & Travel Oct. 28th
Heritage Garden in

Mission Viejo Hosted by a member of LBGC who lives in the area. We'll visit their fruit and garden plots. (see page 6)

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Our September meeting kicked off another year of interesting speakers, fun Green Thumb projects and adventuresome Tours and Travels to gardens and places in the south counties. President Lynn Jax's theme of "*Get Involved, Make A Difference, Make New Friends and Have Fun!*" was evident in variety of the garden related opportunities available to our members. Sign ups on the "parade of clip boards" gave everyone in attendance a chance to get their new year as a member of LBGC off to an engaging start.

If by chance you missed the meeting in September, we look forward to seeing you at the October 14th meeting where you can **pick your copy of the new Membership Book**, check out the treasures at the plant table and re-connect with club members you haven't seen all summer.



President's Message

Great Beginnings & An Exciting Year Ahead

We had a truly terrific beginning to this year's new season of Garden Club activities. It started with our September speaker, Kathryn Aalto, who enlightened those in attendance about the real Hundred Acre Wood of Winnie the Pooh and taught us the "very complicated rules" of the game called Pooh Sticks (Two people stand on the arch of a bridge; each throws a stick into the water and runs to the opposite side of the bridge to watch which stick comes out the other side as the winner.) We have a few of Ms. Aalto's books signed left for sale, which would make for a great Christmas gift.

Once again members took advantage of the **Green Thumb** activity to create a Kokodama

(hanging moss covered orchid ball) and a visit to **Laguna Coast Pottery** in North Laguna. And our club participated in a very special event at the Water District, **SmartScape Expo**. I am so proud of our efforts to showcase "Living Art" in our succulent planter bed. Please read the articles included in this newsletter. I applaud all members who took that leap to *partake in one thing and make new friends* while supporting LBGC.

Look through your Membership Book at our October events. And mark your calendar for Thursday, **October 27** to attend and invite your friends to attend our first **Holiday Shopping Galleria held at Arabella Laguna (506 N.**

Coast Hwy) from 11 AM to 7 PM. Here's an opportunity to shop for gifts and support the community philanthropic activities of LBGC.



Remember to:

- Get Involved
- Make a difference
- Make New Friends
- Have Fun

Recognition Awards

We are creating four new awards to recognize club members and their tremendous efforts that support the club. 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 14, 2017** general meeting. Forms will be forthcoming. Be prepared to write a short explanation for your nominee. The winners will be awarded at the **May 12, 2017** general meeting.

Categories are:

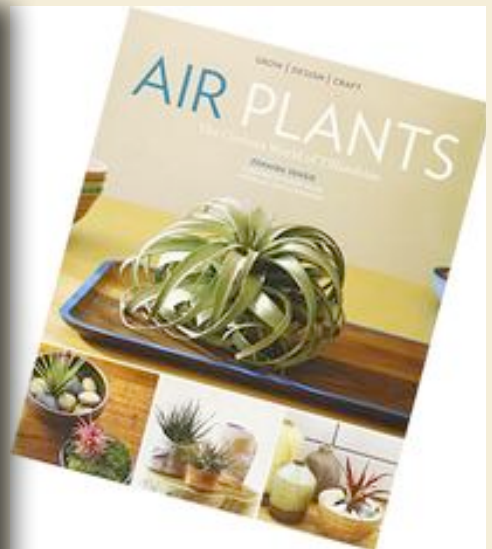
1. Club Member of the Year
2. Rookie Member of the Year
3. Gardener of the Year
4. Garden of the Year



October Speaker Zenaida Sengo Shares Her Knowledge About the Care and Maintenance of Tillandsias

Zenaida Sengo is a Bay Area native. In addition to working in horticulture, she is passionate about painting and design. She studied art in Chico, California, where she got her first start in nursery work at a large wholesale grower. She now works as the interior coordinator at Flora Grubb Gardens in San Francisco and is an integral part of the creativity in new products; she gives store talks on tillandsias and offers DIY workshops at the nursery.

Zenaida is an artist and horticulturist living in San Francisco. When she was an art student, her love of the natural world inspired her painting and drawing, and now in her tiny San Francisco apartment she suspends orchids and bromeliads from the ceiling and nestles them amidst other epiphytic plants, rocks, and minerals. She works with tillandsias at the acclaimed Flora Grubb Gardens, creating designs that integrate plants in and around the home. At other times Zenaida can be found farther afield, rock climbing and alpine camping in Northern California.



Zenaida is the author of the book *Air Plants: The Curious World of Tillandsias* from Timber Press



At Zenaida's San Francisco home a simple mid-century modern couch in a neutral hue keeps the space clean and modern and allows for her little plants to take center stage.



Get a Head Start on Your Holiday Gift Giving and Enjoy Delicious Food & Wine at the First LBGC Holiday Shopping Galleria

Holiday Shopping Galleria

Local Artisans

Featuring: Donna, Duchess of Pearls

Fine Food and Drink

***La Creperie of San Diego**

Savory and Sweet

***Nancy Milby, Sommelier and local author.**

Wine tasting, Purchase by glass and bottle

Arabella Laguna

506 N. Coast Highway—Laguna Beach

Thursday, October 27, 2016

11 AM to 7 PM

Sponsored by the Laguna Beach Garden Club

A 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization - Federal Tax ID #23-7297058

Proceeds to benefit the philanthropic activities of the Laguna Beach Garden Club

Let Your Creativity Grow and Help the Hortense Miller Garden



The late Hortense Miller was an avid gardener.



The Friends of Hortense Miller Garden are having a fun CRAFT DAY to "beautify" garden related items like donated baskets, vases, toys, birdhouses, etc. on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in Vista, CA.**

The Friends of Hortense Miller Garden will sell these items at the Laguna Beach Farmers Market on Saturday, November 19th. All of the proceeds will benefit the garden.

If you like to decorate garden related items or have any that you'd like to donate - like a pretty cracked vase that we can fill with succulents,

COME JOIN US, or bring your items to the October Garden Club Meeting.

We will be carpooling from points in Laguna Beach and/or the Costco or Target parking lot to head to Vista, CA. It's about an hour drive from the I-5 and Crown Valley Parkway, so we'll leave about 8am and will return about 3pm.

Marsha Bode will have lunch for us at her home. Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch?!

It should be a fun day!

We can use **succulent cuttings** if you have any, and old unique garden

items that you think we could spiff up to sell at the Farmers Market after we fill it with succulents or paint it up...

WHO: Any creative, crafty gardener that wants to help!

WHEN: Tuesday, October 25th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

WHERE: Marsha Bode's home:
2136 Edgehill Road, Vista, CA

BRING: Your garden gloves and clippers. We'll help with the creativity.

To RSVP or have questions answered contact Diane Lannon [949-374-2696](tel:949-374-2696)
diane.lannon@gmail.com

Laguna Coast Pottery Hosted Our September Tours & Travel Adventure

On our first Tours & Travel on Friday September 23, we did not go far afield. We met at Laguna Coast Pottery in North Laguna for a tour of the grounds. Debi, the manager, took us through the shop and explained the different kinds of pots and their origins, how to tell a Vietnamese pot from a Chinese pot, and what type of pot would work best for what type of planting. She then, blew us all away! She

and the owner Rick Ivey, arranged a raffle of items from the store: two gift certificates, three wooden boxes planted with succulents, one beautiful blown glass planter on driftwood, plus a large plant in a pot were won by lucky club members! We were also told some of the history of the site. Did you know that this is where the original Laguna Beach Library was first established? I certainly did not. The shop has been at this spot

since 1962. Rick is the son of the second owners of Laguna Coast Pottery and would love to welcome Garden Club members to come browse the wares! There are beautiful pots, wall pieces, plants and doodads, all at good prices. Rick would rather have his inventory sold so he can bring in more items. Please stop by! Laguna Coast Pottery is located at 392 N. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach.
- Synthia Scofield



Tours & Travel Special Administrator Tom Hensel always arranges for interesting and fun gardening travel adventures. Join us in October.

Tours & Travel • October 28th Heritage Garden in Mission Viejo

The tour will begin in the garden at the home of Mariann Keenan in Mission Viejo. Next we will move on to The Heritage Garden that is near by. Garden club member Elizabeth Kramer will host our tour of the fruit and vegetable garden plots that are featured there. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy on the benches in the garden. Drinks will be provided.

Meet at 9 am at St. Catherine's on Temple Street to carpool. Bring a friend- it's free!

CLUB NEWS

Green Thumb • October 21st • Succulent Wreath



You probably have lots of succulents that are in need of a good trim. Repurpose them into a beautiful wreath. Join in the fun at 9:30 am at the home of Jeanne Yale, 502 Pearl Street, Laguna Beach. You never know how creative you can be, wreaths like this sell at Rogers Gardens for up to \$150!

The cost for this fun workshop is just \$15.00

Volunteer of the Month

Each month many members of the club work tirelessly behind the scenes to make an event run smoothly, organize an activity, provide a helping hand or volunteer in one of our community gardens.

Sherry Stephens' name was drawn from the volunteer basket and she received a beautiful plant as her reward.



SHARING WITH
EACH OTHER

Helpful Ideas

This dedicated column is a place for gardening tips and ideas. Email me at dalynnmalek@gmail.com if you have an idea to share. Tips can be gardening, waterwise ideas, farm-to-table (LB style), DIY or anything else you think our members would like to see.

Vegetable Gardening Guide Infographic

A handy info guide to planting, care & harvesting veggies we can grow.



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/Abjd4A0X8MVAodA71f2KSoiJGgnvF2uFposdtvqG8ISOKG0bNkRE2Ik/>

32 Indispensable Herbs to Grow-

Sunset Magazine's guide to growing and cooking with basic & gourmet herbs



<http://www.sunset.com/garden/flowers-plants/nine-indispensable-herbs/view-all>

SmartScape Expo Succulent Planter Rocked!

On September 24th the Laguna Beach Garden Club participated in the SmartScape Expo event hosted by the Laguna Beach Water District. Participants were able to learn about California landscapes and ways to maximize water savings.

This year some of the various organizations involved were asked to create a specific raised planter box, and the Garden Club chose to plant a succulent display. Lisa Fecteau stepped up to the challenge of designing the bed, which included choosing the succulents, rocks and gravel, and that resulted in a beautiful piece of living art. Great job Lisa! The bed was installed on the Thursday

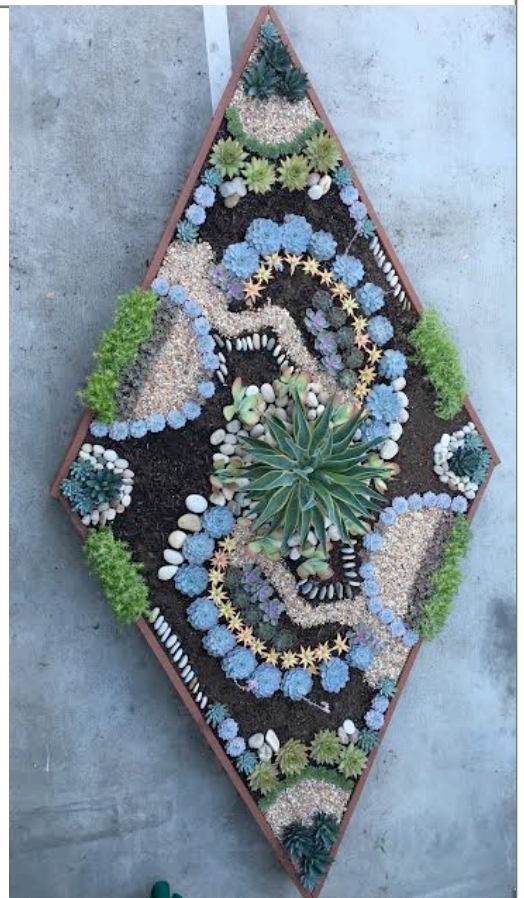
before the event and those assisting Lisa with the planting were [Lynn Jax](#), [Synthia Scofield](#), [Diane Kloke](#), [Bonnie Smith](#), [Virginia Templeton](#), and [Jeanne Yale](#). A big thank to OC Succulents for donating more than \$1500 (retail) potted succulents and to Larry's Building Supply for donating the pebbles and rocks that enhanced our artist centerpiece.

During the event on Saturday, the club donated succulent cuttings provided by our members, sold raffle tickets for a chance to win a succulent wreath created by Jeanne Yale and provided literature and information to those that stopped by the Garden Club's

booth. Jeanne also led a planted tube workshop that proved to be very popular. The project involved making small hanging succulent gardens by inserting cuttings into a geotextile tube filled with potting soil. All 90 plus tubes that the Water District provided, in addition to our succulent donations, were turned into small hanging works of art by the many visitors who chose to make one. Thank you to the many club members who donated succulent cuttings and also to those that helped during both shifts in the booth on Saturday, which included [Lynn Jax](#), [Jinx Langemak](#), [Synthia Scofield](#), [Chris Ranabarger](#), [Nancy Boone](#), and [Jeanne Yale](#).



Many hands make light work... well maybe not a lot of hands, but the end result of the LBGC succulent planter was spectacular!



Green Thumb Workshops

Cultivate Members' Creativity

At the first Green Thumb activity of the year, held September 16th at Natalie Harlow-Alison's house, three creative members got their hands dirty and channeled their artistic inner selves by producing their own individual moss covered hanging orchid ball, also known as Kokedama.

This is just another example of how we have fun as members of the Laguna Beach Garden Club.



Natalie Harlow-Alison lead a fun filled morning of creativity with Susan Heinz, Rosemary Mandrella and Mary Paulsen. The ladies loved the end results!



The fall colored centerpiece for the September meeting was made by Linda Humes, our Table Centerpiece Administrator

Building Friendships With Big Brothers & Sisters

The military has the “Buddy System”, sororities and fraternities have “Big Sisters and Big Brothers”. Not to be outdone by the military and the Greek system in the world of academia, the Laguna Beach Garden Club has established a system to pair our new members with existing members to enhance the overall experience and promote deeper involvement and friendships among all our incredible members. We want to enlist the support of any and all existing members to sign up as a BIG SISTER/BIG BROTHER.

Contact Connie Maxsenti - conniemaxsenti@gmail.com or Karen Nelson - karennelson@cox.net to let them know of your desire to help us in this endeavor. A clipboard will be at the sign-in desk where you can give us your information so we can assign a new member to be your partner. As a “Big

Sister/Big Brother”, we ask that you seek out your “Little Sister or Brother” at each meeting to make her/him feel welcome and part of our group. We request that you include your “Little Sister or Brother” on any tours/travels or other fun garden club activity in which you may be involved.

The following members that have offered to become **Big Sisters**: Monette Weiss, Susan Heinz, Diane Lannon and Elaine Davis.

Additionally the following members are **Welcome Ambassadors**: Shelby Riggs, Tom Hensel, Dee Perry, Stanley Behrens, Monette Weiss, Connie Maxsenti, Jorja Puma and Karen Nelson

Welcome Ambassadors are available at the check-in desk at each meeting to greet each of the participants, to hand out the badges, sign in and orient new members to all that the

Garden Club has to offer. These folks can be easily identified by the large “**AMBASSADOR**” badge, worn above their name tag. New members will have new member ribbons to identify them as “new” for their first year. Please reach out to these new members and help them feel like they are part of our group.

Remember, to the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.
- Karen Nelson



September's Guest Speaker

Members at the September meeting had the opportunity to purchase Kathryn Aalto's book *The Natural World of Winnie the Pooh- A Walk Through the Forest That Inspired the Hundred Acre Wood*.

After her delightful talk about Christopher Robin, his sidekick Winnie the Pooh, and the actual garden in which they had their marvelous adventures, Kathryn signed copies of her book.

An article about Kathryn, written by Lynette Brasfield was featured in Stu's News:

<http://www.stunewslaguna.com/front-page-ii/22179-home-of-the-heffalumps-091316#.V9gWhG7fz5Q.email>



The Plant Table is Full of Tantalizing Treasures

The first stop for most members at our monthly meeting is the Plant Table in the courtyard outside of Tankersley Hall. Debbie Sugg is the beauty behind these bargains, she is assisted by Mariann Keenan & Cheryl Bartetzko. Contributions to the table should be brought to the table before 9:30 am the day of the meeting. Donations are not limited to just plants, other items such as baskets, pottery, books, vases, decorative items, trellises, magazines and sculptures are welcome. The Plant Ladies will help price your donations if needed. New this year is a surprise silent auction item, so keep an eye out for this special feature. Items not sold are donated to the Laguna Beach Assistance League. Plants not purchased are donated to Coast Garden Plant Keeper. Happy Shopping!

With a cheery smile on her face, Debbie Sugg greets every shopper at the garden club's table of plants and other bargains.



OC Fair & Event Center Gardening Events in October

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER

COOL SEASON VEGETABLES



FEE: \$5

LOCATION: SILO BUILDING

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GROWING COOL SEASON VEGETABLES AND SOUND GARDENING ADVICE.

15
OCTOBER
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9:30 AM
UNTIL
NOON

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OCTOBER
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9:30 AM
UNTIL
NOON

MAKE A SUCCULENT CONTAINER GARDEN



FEE: \$20

LOCATION: SILO BUILDING

LEARN GENERAL IDENTIFICATION, CARE AND PROPAGATION TECHNIQUES OF THE MORE COMMON SUCCULENTS GROWN TODAY. THIS WORKSHOP WILL ALSO TEACH BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN AND PROVIDES THE TOOLS TO CREATE YOUR VERY OWN SUCCULENT GARDEN TO TAKE HOME!

2016-2017 SPECIAL ADMINISTRATORS

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

Audio Visual co-chair	Susan Heinz & Kathy Leary
A-V Assistant (Sound board)	Chris Lutz & Nancy Lawrence
Auditor	Joyce Hill
Constant Contact	_____?
Email Communication	Jorja Puma
Graphic Arts Design	Carolyn Bent
Green Day Event (Sawdust)	Jeanne Yale
Green Thumb	Natalie Harlow-Alison

Hands-on Gardening Opportunities:

Hortense Miller Garden	Gayle Whitaker
Library Planters	Synthia Scofield
Pocket Park	Jeanne Yale
Sister Cities Garden	Sandy Desmond
Hospitality	Elizabeth Chapel
Hospitality Assistant	Lynn Pries
Lifetime Membership	Polly Dix
Membership Assistants	Connie Lawson & Sally Pack
Nominating Chair	Jorja Puma
Nominating Assistant	Mary Williams
Membership Book	Dalynn Malek
Parliamentarian	Jorja Puma
Patriots Day Parade	Diane Kloke
Penny Pines	Cathy Bosko
Penny Pines Assistant	Chris Ranabargar
Photo Contest	Laura McCants
Plant Table	Debbie Sugg
Plant Table Assistants	Mariann Keenan & Cheryl Bartetzko
Programs Assistants	Carla Beddome, Pam Bisson, & Sue Field

Scholarships:

LBHS	Diane Kloke
Saddleback College	Tom Hensel
LCAD	Nancy Lawrence
School Gardens Liaison	Dee Perry
SmartScape Expo (Water District)	Jeanne Yale
Social Media	Joyce Hill
Sunshine	Polly Dix
Table Centerpieces	Linda Humes
Tours & Travel	Tom Hensel
Tours & Travel Assistant	Synthia Scofield
Ways & Means Assistant	Mary Williams
Welcome Ambassadors Co-Chairs	Karen Nelson & Dee Perry
Welcome Ambassadors	Shelby Rigg, Monette Weiss, Polly Dix, & Jorja Puma



Lisa Fecteau and Synthia Scofield dig in to begin the planting of the succulent planter that a small hard-working group of LBG members created for the SmartScape Expo at the Laguna Beach Water District.

2016-2017

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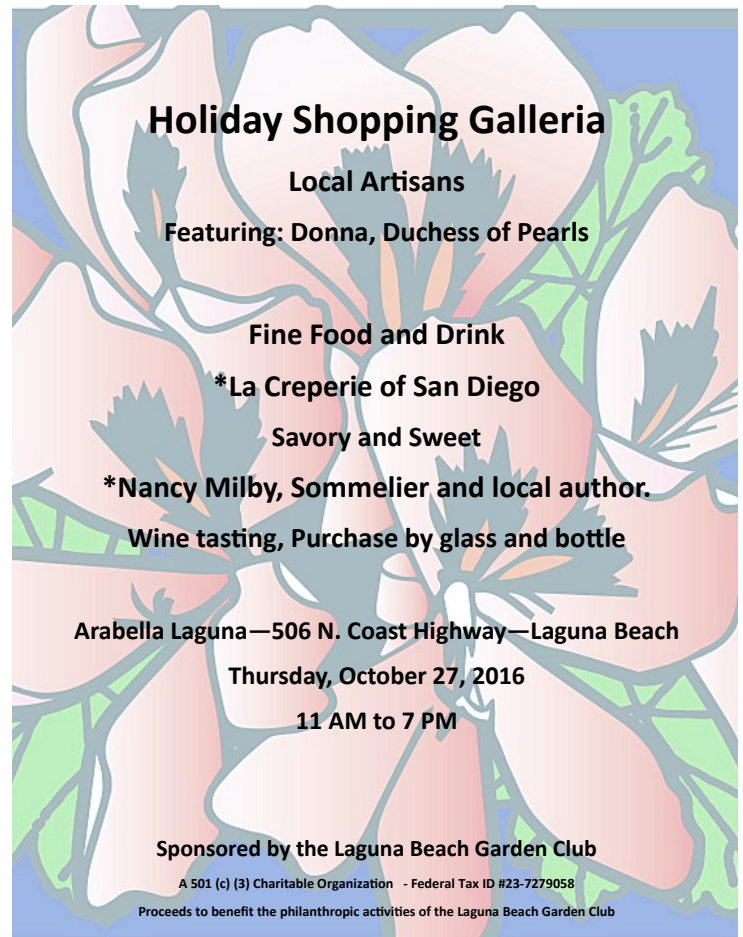


Help To Spread the Word About Our Holiday Shopping Galleria

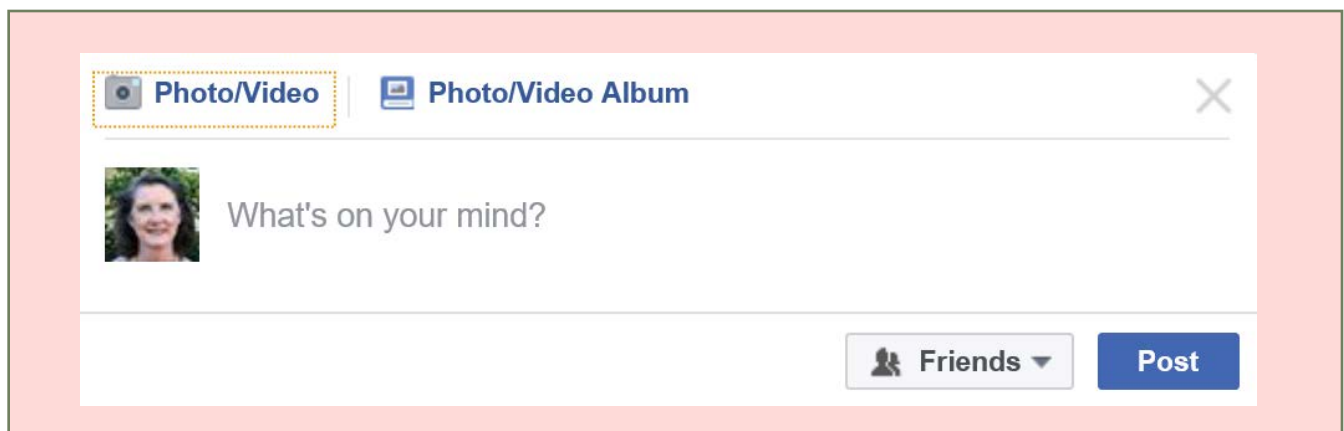
YOUR GARDEN CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

LBGC needs your help with marketing our new Fundraising Event, Holiday Shopping Galleria, to your friends and community. The only thing that could stand in the way of our having a successful first try at this, is not having enough people attending. Of course we hope that every club member will attend and bring at least one friend. Through the magic of Social Media, with only a few clicks, you can let everyone of your Facebook friends and everyone on your email list, know about our new event.

If you use a PC, right click on picture on the right, copy and then paste to your desktop, or right click and SEND to your desktop. If you are a Mac user, you can copy & paste it as a photo to your Facebook post.



On your Facebook page, at the top, you will see a box as pictured below. Click Photo/Video, click the file of our invitation you saved to your desktop, and click Post. Before clicking “Post”, you can type in a comment where it says, What’s on your mind?



WHERE HAVE YOU TAKEN LBGC?

Our jaunty baseball caps with the embroidered LBGC logo are a great way to keep the sun off your face while gardening or while you are traveling.

Here we see President Lynn Jax sporting her LBGC cap while visiting an elephant preserve in North Uthungulu, South Africa in August.

Next time you are traveling, have a picture taken of you wearing your LBGC cap and we'll include it in our next newsletter.



Baseball caps and our new aprons are on sale at every general meeting.



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Correction To Membership Book

The Federal Tax ID# is listed incorrectly on page 3 of your Membership Book. Two numbers were inadvertently transposed. Please make the change in your book to read:

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