



**LAGUNA BEACH
GARDEN CLUB**

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Weeder's Digest

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Editor's Note

Let me introduce myself as your newsletter editor. My name is Lisa Fecteau and I live in Laguna Niguel. I became a member of the club in 2014. I am very excited to serve in this position, and although I have much to learn, I will do my best to make our publication a great one.

We have a very exciting year coming up! Great speakers, great tours and travels and many, many opportunities to help our community and make some new friends along the way.

Don't be shy, try something new this year !

September General Meeting

September 11, 2015

Laguna Beach Presbyterian Church, 415 Forest Ave.

Social: 9:30 am - Meeting 10 am Noon

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**September
Refreshments
Compliments
of
LBGC
Board
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Upcoming Events

September Speaker

This month, we are very lucky to have Cathy Thomas as our featured speaker. Cathy, an award-winning food columnist for over two decades and renowned for her cooking classes, will discuss the “50 Best Plants on the Planet”, the title of her latest book, which explores nutrient-dense fruits and vegetables.

Her entertaining humor will engage our gardening and culinary senses.



Cathy Thomas: 50 Best
Plants on the Planet

Cathy is the food columnist at the Orange County Register. Her weekly columns and food features are nationally distributed and frequently appear in newspaper food sections across the country.

What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Tours and Travel

On September 25th we begin another year of wonderful adventures led by our very own Tom Hensel. On this day we will meet at St. Catherine's Church on Temple Terrace at 8:45 a.m. We will then head over to the Fullerton Arboretum for a self-guided tour of the arboretum grounds. Whether you have never been or have visited a dozen times, this is a day you won't want to miss!

Please R.S.V.P. at our September meeting.



Green Thumb - Everything you always wanted to know about Staghorn Ferns

September 18, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Natalie Harlow-Alison Home, 194 Acacia Street

Join us on September 18 as Natalie shows us everything we ever wanted to know about Staghorn Ferns. We have all seen these unique plants, beautifully displayed in so many unique and creative ways. Join us for this Green Thumb and create one for yourself!

Please R.S.V.P. at the September 11 meeting. We hope to see you there!



Laguna Beach County Water District Smart Scape Info/Expo

On Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 the Laguna Beach County Water District will host it's annual Smart Scape Info/Expo, highlighting and promoting the benefits of using California native plants and efficient irrigation techniques in residential and commercial settings. The two-day event provides attendees the opportunity to meet face to face with knowledgeable landscape and irrigation professionals, participate in hands-on demonstrations and meet representatives from local companies exhibiting the latest water efficient products. You can also learn about selecting and caring for California native plants and hummingbird and butterfly habitat construction.

Our club will be there giving away succulent cuttings and selling our wonderful gardening gloves. We will also be having a raffle for a succulent wreath. Jeanne Yale will give us the details at our General Meeting on September 11. Please keep in mind that we will need volunteers to help out at our booth, and also to donate succulent cuttings.

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

September 26 & 27, 2015 10 am to 5 pm
South Coast Plaza Village
1631 West Sunflower
(Corner of Sunflower & Bear)
Santa Ana, CA 92704

Exhibits • Seminars • Sales

Experience thousands of exotic orchids in a beautiful outdoor setting and learn how to grow and exhibit orchids from local experts.

Parking and admission are free

For more information please call 949.735.2930 or visit ocorchidshow.com



Our Orange County District of the California Garden Club has been invited to host an information booth at

The 35th Annual Edition of the Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale

Where you will find one of the largest assortments of orchids by growers from around the world! There will be displays, seminars and sales!

Elaine Davis is asking for volunteers to help work the booth. Our purpose there is to talk to people about the garden clubs in our District and what we do. She will have handouts for us with a list of the clubs in our county and pretty poppy book-marks from our State organization. There will be two people on each 3 1/2 hour shift so the booth can remain covered while one person is enjoying the show.

If you can volunteer your time on either day, please contact Elaine Davis at:

Edavis@cox.net

While we were away

Scholarship News

Jorja Puma and her husband, along with Catherine Hall, attended the Laguna Beach High School's Scholarship Award Ceremony. The two lucky recipients of our scholarships were Kera Heimlich and Aviva Myers, who each received an award in the amount of \$2250.

Catherine put together a gift bag of a mounted tillandsia plant as well as a very nice card for each girl.

We also awarded scholarships to four students at Saddleback College.



Rose Garden Beautification

Our Laguna Beach Garden Club and the Laguna Beach Beautification Council purchased twenty new rose bushes for the rose garden near Monument Point in Heisler Park. On Wednesday, August 26, our members Synthia Scofield and Ruben Flores met with members of the LBBC to get the new rose bushes planted and give them the best start they could have at growing healthy and strong.

Stop by and see how they are doing when you get the chance!

Green Day at the Sawdust Festival

Once again the LBGC participated in the Sawdust Festival's Green Day event.

Jeanne Yale worked her magic and with the club's help, we had an amazing amount of beautiful succulent cuttings to give away. Festival goers were delighted with the variety that we had to choose from, and were happy to gain some knowledge about these wonderful plants at the same time.

A big thank you goes out to all of our club members who donated cuttings from their gardens, and also a special thank you to the Hortense Miller Garden, who so graciously donated several rooted and potted jade plant cuttings to us for the event. Our day there was a great success!



WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Beth Fitzgerald

Kathy Fisher

Debra McCormick

Monica Thompson

2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP BOOKS

Books available at our September general meeting. When picking up your book you will be asked to sign a roster indicating you have received it. Please be sure to sign the back cover so it can be returned to you if lost.

Thank you Dalynn Malek for working so hard to make this year's book look so wonderful!

Plant Table

Once again we will be having our plant table. Please bring in plants, pots, and any misc. gardening items for our first Plant Table Sale of the year!

Our Club is a Member of:

National Garden Clubs, Inc. - www.gardenclub.org

Pacific Region - www.pacificregiongardenclubs.com

Orange County District - www.ocdistrict.org

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Lisa Fecteau, Editor -- Additional information about the club can be found at: www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

September Events at a Glance

Sept. 7- Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street at Cliff Drive, 10:00 am

**Sept. 11 - General Meeting - Cathy Thomas, Speaker "50 Best Plants on the Planet",
Laguna Beach Presbyterian Church, 9:30 am**

Sept. 18- Green Thumb - "Everything you wanted to know about Staghorn Ferns"

At Natalie Harlow-Alison Home, 194 Acacia Street, Laguna Beach, 9:30 am \$25 fee

Sept. 21 - Sister City Garden Maintenance @ Jasmine Street at Cliff Drive, 10 am

**September 25 - Tours and Travel—Fullerton Arboretum, meet at St. Catherine Church
on Temple Terrace @ 8:45 am**

Sept. 28 - Board Meeting - 9:30 am