



# Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest

COME JOIN IN  
THE FUN

## Events This Month

### General Meeting March 8

#### Julie Bawden-Davis

##### Heirloom

**Tomatoes**-Julie is a bestselling garden writer & master gardener. She will offer books, plant & fertilizer for sale after the meeting.

Laguna

Presbyterian Church

• 9:30 am social, 10:00 am meeting (see page 3).



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MARCH 2019

MEMBER NEWS

*Celebrating Art &  
Science in the Garden*

*St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time — a day to  
begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic.*

-Adrienne Cook

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

This is a transition time in the garden. I'm spending my time emptying standing water in pots and fending off snails who found the cute plant I got last Friday at the Village Nursery and ate three of the blooms and several leaves. It seems as if this is a waiting time, waiting for sunny days to plant, waiting to uncover the patio furniture, and waiting to spend time relaxing on my chaise lounge after a day of yard cleanup. I'm looking forward to seeing my rose bushes leaf out, sprout buds and explode with blossoms.

The rains are giving southern California a much needed drink of water, and our local hills are full of lush, green shrubs that are bursting with flowers. It is amazing what a good watering can do to our desert terrain!



## President's Message

# Savor the Seasons in Your Garden

### Spring in southern California.

People say there are no seasons in southern California. We know that's not true. There is rainy season, fire season, award season and summer. Spring can be subtle. Or shocking, like the sudden green mantle of winter rye draped over the hills. Fuel, says my neighbor the fireman.



I try to find a few plants for my garden that actually show seasons in this ever green, ever blooming world of southern California. Matilija poppies go from below your knee to above your head in a season. As do sunflowers and sweet peas.



Bulbs push up and bloom like slow motion fireworks. It is fun to tuck seasonal excitement into your garden.

**I cultivate a German ivy classified as a straight up weed by many, but which I tolerate because it dies back completely.**

In spring it sends tender green tendrils up through the bougainvillea. The large, fleshy leaves foam through the hedge on tough brown stems, In fall, clusters of yellow flowers ripen to seed heads



like giant dandelions. Then the whole vine dies and dries and the plant rests all winter and springs up again each spring. It catches my eye throughout the year and reminds me to pay attention to the subtlety of the seasons.

**Exhale the old and breathe in the new. Happy spring!**

-Nancy Englund

## We'll Have a Juicy Topic at the March 8 meeting!



*Members, please bring any succulent cuttings you may have to the March meeting. We will be passing them out to people attending the Laguna Beach Arbor Day festivities that afternoon.*

*Laguna Food Pantry always welcomes your donations of canned or dry goods and produce. Please bring them to our March meeting.*



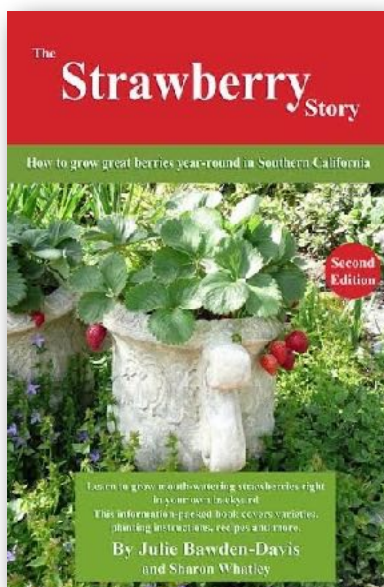
## Julie Bawden-Davis Shares Her Passion for Produce

### Our March Meeting Has a Juicy Topic

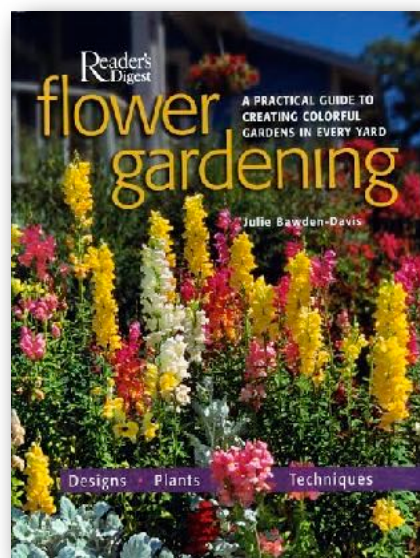
Learn how to grow delicious heirloom tomatoes. March's presentation by Julie Bawden-Davis includes information on various heirloom tomato favorites and the stories behind them, such as Abe Lincoln, Brandywine, Sweet Pea Currant, Mortgage Lifter and Aunt Ruby's German Green. These tomato varieties and other heirlooms have long, interesting histories. Julie will also share planting, care and harvesting tips, including growing heirloom tomatoes in containers. There will be heirloom tomato plants and Julie's Terrific Tomato Fertilizer for sale after the presentation.



Julie is a bestselling garden writer and University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener, who since 1985 has written more than 2,500 articles for publications such as *Organic Gardening*, *Wildflower*, *Better Homes and Gardens* and *The Los Angeles Times*.



She writes a weekly garden column on [Parade.com](http://Parade.com) and is author of 12 books, including *Fairy Gardening: Creating Your Own Magical Miniature Garden*, *The Strawberry Story: How to Grow Great Berries Year-Round in Southern California*, *Reader's Digest Flower Gardening* and *Indoor Gardening the Organic Way*. She is also founder and publisher of [HealthyHouseplants.com](http://HealthyHouseplants.com). In 1998, her backyard was certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. She lives, writes and gardens indoors and out in Orange. Find out more about Julie by visiting [www.JulieBawdenDavis.com](http://www.JulieBawdenDavis.com), <https://parade.com/member/juliebawdendavis/> and [www.HealthyHouseplants.com](http://www.HealthyHouseplants.com).



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Hortense Miller Gardens Craft Day**  
**Monday, March 4, Vista, CA 9am — 2pm &**  
**Open House at the Garden in Laguna Beach**  
**Saturday, March 30, 10am — 4pm**

*The Friends of Hortense Miller Garden* are looking for tired or chipped garden decor that we can spiff up, paint or fill with plants to sell to benefit the Hortense Miller Garden.

A small group will be driving to Vista, CA for a **“CRAFT DAY” on Monday, March 4**, from 8am — 3pm to do our magic. Marsha Bode, past President of the FHMG, hosts a wonderful workshop for us at her home to create Garden Art & Container Gardens to sell at the Hortense Miller Garden Open House.

Contact Diane Lannon if you are interested in carpooling to Vista for the workshop or if you have any pots/plants you'd like to donate. Depart from Target on Alicia about 8:15am on Monday, March 4 to carpool. Contact: [Diane.Lannon@gmail.com](mailto:Diane.Lannon@gmail.com) or 949-274-2696 cell.

**Free Public OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, March 30**, from 10am to 4pm in Laguna Beach.

Free Shuttle Bus & Parking at the Church of Christ Scientist, 635 High Drive, Laguna Beach. Light refreshments & entertainment. No reservations required. Last shuttle up to the garden will depart from the church at 3:20pm. Come see a hidden gem of Laguna Beach!

The Hortense Miller Garden is a beautiful 2.5 acre Boat Canyon & ocean-view property with a Mid-Century Modern home. LBGC has supported the garden with many volunteers over the years. If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Hortense Miller Garden, membership is \$30/year for an individual. You receive many opportunities to enjoy the garden & home during special member events throughout the year.



Go to [www.HortenseMillerGarden.org](http://www.HortenseMillerGarden.org) for more information and to join.

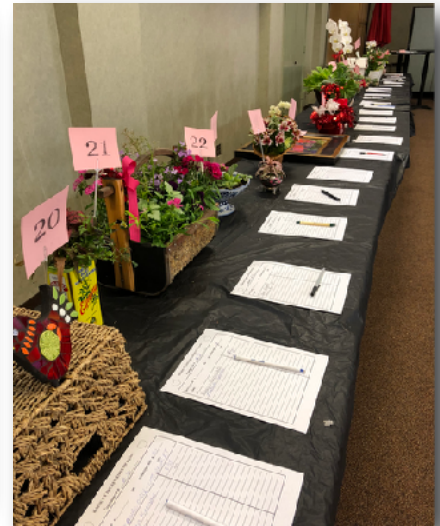


# Container Garden Auction A Loving Success

This year's Container Garden Auction was a great success! Thank you to all who participated by either donating a planted container to the silent auction, or an item for the raffle, or by bidding on the holiday items. We had over 40 beautiful, creative plant and flower arrangements which

brought in \$2,040 from the silent auction. In addition, our raffle brought in \$1,115, for a grand total of \$3,155! Congratulations to all who won. We certainly have a lot of talent in our club!

-Lynette La Roche





## 2019 Gate & Garden Tour

### *An Exclusive Neighborhood is the Location of Our Annual Fundraiser*

**This year's Gate & Garden Tour is Friday, May 3, 2019, 9am-2pm, and will take place in a private gated community of Laguna Beach, never before accessed in the 14 years of our event.** The tour will lead us behind the gates through portions of this beautiful community with lush and spectacular vistas contained within its walls. In the spirit of the Gate & Garden Tour we will visit gardens that are large and magnificent, quaint and charming, spectacular and contemporary and everything in between! **We will visit an incredible garden at a landscape designer's home on a magnificent double lot that will truly take your breath away!**

The Laguna Beach Garden Club is privileged and honored to have access to show these gardens in a docent-led tour through portions of this private community. The tour will leave the private gates and continue on to a walking tour of several other unique and magnificent gardens. **The tour will highlight why Laguna Beach was chosen as one of the most "Instagrammable" locations in the US (2018) and in the top 20 most charming towns in California (Travel Mag 2017)!**

Tour day fun begins at the gorgeous Arabella Laguna Historic Cottages garden where Cinco de Mayo festivities dominate the excitement of the day! This year we are proud to have Tequila Corcel as our exclusive Margarita Bar Sponsor for our legendary artisanal margaritas. Our tour's reputation for warmth and hospitality includes free homemade cookies, complimentary refreshments as well as delicious Mexican fare that can be purchased to accompany your margarita. Our raffle, which never disappoints, has some of the most magnificent prizes and awaits your participation.

**The Gate & Garden Tour is our club's major fundraiser that enables us to serve our community through financial assistance to our**

**Laguna Beach school gardens, scholarships and community projects.** We are proud to have Tracy & Jeffrey Katz as our Major Sponsor and Laguna Beach County Water District as a Rose Level Sponsor.

**BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE** at [lagunabeachgardenclub.org](http://lagunabeachgardenclub.org) by credit card, including handling fee, subject to availability.

- \$50 early bird tickets through April 26
- \$60 tickets April 27-30

**There are no tickets available after April 30 including the day of the tour.**

Contact Karen Nelson for information:  
[Karen@LagunaBeachGardenClub.org](mailto:Karen@LagunaBeachGardenClub.org).  
Hope to see you there!





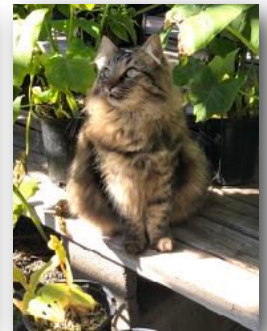
## February's Trips & Tours Took Us To Orange (and Santa Ana)

On Friday, Feb. 22, we ventured to the **Laguna Hills Nursery** in Santa Ana to peruse the grounds, and to hear a talk about planting soil by Gary, the owner. We also visited two other nurseries in the area that morning, **Upland Nursery** and **Village Nursery**. At all three nurseries, members warmed up their credit cards by buying plants and other garden items to get ready for spring. We enjoyed lunch afterwards at the **Green Tomato Grill**, a wonderful spot with delicious choices for all dietary needs. After lunch, there were two optional nurseries that members could visit. It was a full and fun day!

- Synthia Scofield

### *Here was the day's itinerary:*

1. [Laguna Hills Nursery](#), 1829 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana
2. [Upland Nursery](#), 1518 N. Tustin St., Orange
3. [Village Nursery](#), 1582 N. Tustin St., Orange, talk then self-tour
4. Lunch at [Green Tomato Grill](#), 1419 N. Tustin St., Orange
5. Optional, [M&M Nursery Fairy Garden Expert](#), 380 N. Tustin St., Orange
6. Optional, [Flowerdale Nursery](#), 2800 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana



## Get Involved & Participate

### *Share your Skills/Talents with the Club*

In mid-February, I sent each and everyone one of you an individual email asking you to share your skills with the club. To date, I have received 34 responses from the nearly 200 members. Thank you to those who responded.

If you have NOT as yet replied, **PLEASE** do so. It would help us tremendously to have this info.

Please select as many that apply and add anything additional that we didn't think of that might assist us.

Please **REPLY** to me directly. E: [jax@cox.net](mailto:jax@cox.net)

#### **Skills/Talent Examples:**

1. Board Member
2. Leadership Skills
3. Financial Skills
4. Writing Skills
5. Computer Skills
6. Plants/Gardening Skills
7. Committee Member
8. Willing to help out
9. Willing to make phone calls
10. Event planner

Anything else:

In appreciation,

Lynn Jax,  
Past President  
Laguna Beach  
Garden Club  
E: [jax@cox.net](mailto:jax@cox.net)



### *February Centerpiece & Volunteer of the Month*

**Esty Mueller** (top photo) created this unique centerpiece using heart-shaped rocks and ivy. It was a spectacular way to set the mood for the Container Garden Auction.

Super garden woman **Synthia Scofield** (bottom photo right) was the February Volunteer of the Month. Her never-ending commitment to LBGC is evident in all that she does for our club!





## Club Activities

### Two Green Thumb Crafts Classes on March 15

Because of inclement weather, the January Green Thumb Craft Workshop **Epoxy Jewelry** has been rescheduled to coincide with the **Succulents on Wood Branches Workshop**. The starting times are staggered (see below). Please see Natalie Harlow-Alison at the March 8 general meeting to confirm your attendance at the Epoxy Jewelry event, and also sign up with Natalie for the Succulents on Wood Branches Workshop at the same time.

- **Succulents on Wood Branches** – start time 9:30 AM – cost \$20.00
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Classes are held at;  
194 Acacia Street  
Laguna Beach, CA



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**Norman Powell** – 400 Panorama Drive  
**Kathleen Kane** – 777 Manzanita Drive  
**Sherry Stephens** – 1030 Eastman Way

Since it is difficult to accommodate 40 people in each garden at one time, when leaving St Catherine's Church, please start at different gardens so the flow to each garden is evened out.

Open Gardens Happy Hour is a good way to meet new members, discover new ideas for your garden, and if requested, help the host/hostess with any ideas you may have for their gardens. Participating gardens do not need to be a showpiece and/or perfect. Every garden is unique and has a story to tell, and we are most appreciative to all who that have volunteered their gardens.

For further information and/or to volunteer your garden, please contact Shelby Rigg at (949) 510-5946 or [shelby.rigg@cox.net](mailto:shelby.rigg@cox.net).

	<p align="center"><b>Recognition Award 2019 Nomination Form</b></p> <p>Check the category:</p> <p>_____ Club Member of the Year</p> <p>_____ Gardener of the Year</p> <p>_____ Garden of the Year</p> <p>_____ Rookie of the Year (AKA: New Member)</p> <p><b>* Use a separate form for each Nomination.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>DEADLINE: April 19, 2019</b></p>
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Recognizing each other's efforts shows our appreciation towards our own; and to those 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.

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Please return to Lynn Jax via:

- E: [jax@cox.net](mailto:jax@cox.net)
- or mail to: 456 Cress Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
- or deliver in person at the April 12 meeting

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

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



# Annual Member Photo Contest

Members can submit photographs from their gardens in our annual photography contest. The first and second place entries will be featured on the front and back covers of our 2019-20 membership directory. The winner of last year's twelfth annual contest was **Pat Gallis'** colorful photo of a Monarch butterfly perched on a rose. **Mariann Keenan's** pretty cactus flowers took center stage as the second place photograph.

## 2019 Photo Contest Rules

Photo entries are due to the contest committee chair, Laura McCants, by **April 19, 2019**.

Only one entry per garden club member is allowed.

The entry can be either vertical or horizontal format, but vertical is preferred.

Entries can be submitted via email or US mail.

If entered via US mail, no identifying information (regarding the submitter) should be written on the back of the printed photo.

The entry must be a recent photo of some part of the member's garden.

By submitting the entry, the member declares that he/she owns the right to the photo.

Entries will be judged at the April 22 Board meeting.

The winner's photo will be featured on the front cover of the 2019-20 membership book, and the second place winner will be featured on the back cover.

**For information contact:**

**Laura McCants**

**144 Westport, Newport Beach 92660**

**lauramccants@cox.net**

**949-910-0411**



# Budget Committee Report for LBGC Final Budget for 2019-20

**Please review the Final Budget for 2019-20. We will be taking a vote at the March meeting.** The Budget Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and two members at-large prepares an annual budget to be sent to the membership prior to the regular March general meeting. The Budget Committee met February 4, 2019. It is the goal of a 501(c)(3) non-profit to have the Total Income and Total Expenses for the year match.

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## Gate & Garden Tour RAFFLE Items Needed

The Garden Club's Raffles are the best, and it's because of all of you who donate items. The raffle is only as good as the items available to win.

With over 400 ticket holders attending the Gate & Garden Tour on May 3, people will be perusing the raffle tables at all the fabulous entries and be ready to purchase scores of tickets.

Here is where you can help your club once again. Contact the business you patronize and ask for a donation or purchase an item and donate it yourself.

So far, the items we have include:

- Wine Tasting for 20 people at Total Wine & More – Value: \$500
- Garden Pole – Value \$90
- Kokopelli Gallery earrings – Value \$40
- Italian made wooden Jewelry Box – Value \$250
- Natalie Harlow-Alison Garden Art – Value \$100
- 2 Gift Cards to K'Ya Bistro – Value \$50 each

Let's continue the Garden Club's raffle reputation and make it the best ever on May 3.

If you would like to add something special to the raffle, I'd love to hear from you.

Contact Lynn Jax E: [jax@cox.net](mailto:jax@cox.net)

Cell 949-294-1500.



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501(c)(3) Charitable Organization

**Lake Forest Garden Club**

**Plant Sale & Garden Boutique**

**Saturday, May 11, 2019 8 am – 1 pm**

Mother's Day weekend, come buy beautiful flower arrangements, plant baskets, potted plants, succulent containers, garden boutique treasures and enter the raffle to win incredible items!

**Lake Forest Beach and Tennis Club parking lot,  
22921 Ridge Route Dr., Lake Forest, CA 92630**

**Proceeds go to: horticultural scholarships, elementary school butterfly kits and civic beautification.**

**A Big Thank You! to our sponsors: Kellogg Garden Products, Green Thumb Nursery, Albertsons, Fuji Wholesale Flowers, G&B Organics**

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