



# Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest

COME JOIN IN  
THE FUN

## Events This Month

**General Meeting Feb. 14**

### Plant Sale & Open House

Bring your floral donation and/or bid on other members' creations. Any size, any theme is perfect! Laguna Presbyterian Church • 9:30 am social, 10:00 am meeting (see page 3).

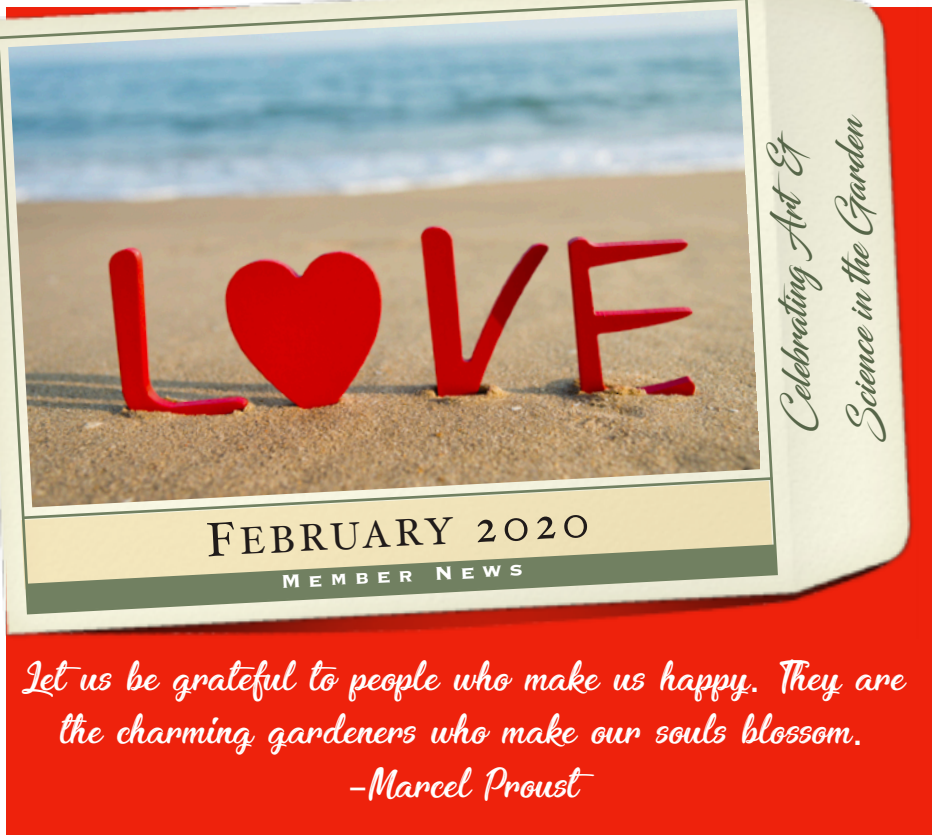
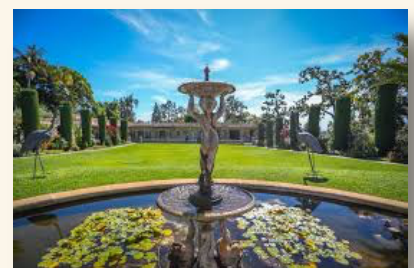


**Trips & Tours Wednesday Feb. 26**

### Virginia Robinson Gardens

We will visit the Robinson estate that was built in 1911. Our docent tour begins at 1:00pm.

Meet at 10:45 am at St. Catherine's on Temple Terrace to carpool. We leave promptly at 11:00 am.



*Let us be grateful to people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.*  
-Marcel Proust

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

The annual Valentine Plant Sale is just around the corner. This is one of the most exciting meetings we have because it issues much fun to see the wonderfully creative plant arrangements made by our members.

Sometimes we need to look for other sources for inspiration to make our creations. This video by Debra Baldwin covers the concept of which succulent should be planted into various pots. It sounds easy and Debra breaks it down so that it can make your potting decisions easy peasy.

Finding a container can be fun as well. I bet you all have a terrific container hiding in the back recesses of your kitchen that hasn't seen the light of day in years. It could be reborn as a vessel for your plant creation. Happy planting!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsloL1bwx5Q&feature=youtu.be>



## President's Message

# Making a Case for the Plant Sale Auction

I am looking forward to the **Plant Sale & Open House** and hope you are too! I was surprised to learn that there is some ambivalence about creating container gardens. (I also recently learned that not everyone loves flannel sheets.) If you are dreading making one, skip it and contribute in some other way. Bring a guest or two or bake up extra refreshments. Personally, I love the challenge, and plan for it all year. If you do too there's now a spot on the bid sheet to sign your work!

**Throughout the year I keep an eye out for an interesting container.**

This year my main contribution will be a big terrarium in a clear plastic suitcase. (There may be a reason most terrariums are small. I may learn a humbling lesson.) The suitcase came with an assortment



of tequila in it this summer. The tequila is long gone but the suitcase remains, taunting me, challenging me. I immediately thought about using it for a

terrarium but was daunted by its size and modernity; terrariums have a whiff of the Victorian about them. Or did. They are hot right now and I want to get in on the trend. Inspired by the work of Brazilian landscape designer **Roberto Burle Marx**, whose work I saw celebrated at the New York Botanical Garden this summer, I plan to create a



miniature modern color-scape with moss, ferns and bromeliads; a sense of his sweeping swaths of color and interplay of textures in 114 square inches.



This week I'll make at least one trip to at least one nursery and buy enough plants for half a dozen containers, even though I'm only making one. Then it's on to the actual planting. Timing

is critical. Far enough ahead so the plants in the finished creation look cohesive but not so far that blooms are fading or tender plants dying. And then at the Plant Sale I'll set it free and begin planning for next year. **I look forward to seeing your creations.**

-Nancy Englund



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



# Laguna Beach Garden Club

presents



## *A Valentine's Day Plant Sale & Open House*



**Friday, Feb. 14**

**9:30 – noon**

**Laguna Presbyterian Church**

**415 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach**

**Forest Ave at 2nd Street**

♥ Bid on gorgeous  
container gardens  
created by members  
of the Laguna Beach  
Garden Club!

♥ Ask a UCEE Master  
Gardener your  
confounding garden  
questions!

♥ Learn about the LBGC  
Speaker Series!

♥ Discover how the LBGC  
serves the community!

♥ Homemade goodies!

♥ Unusual plants!

♥ Become a member!



**Laguna Beach  
Garden Club**

**Growing & Giving since 1928**

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**LagunaBeachGardenClub.org**



## SUN CATCHER WORKSHOP

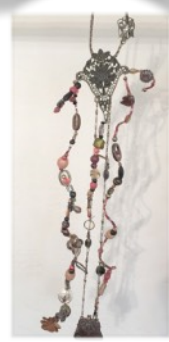
Hortense Miller Garden

Saturday, February 15, 2020 10 AM to noon

A sun catcher is a fun way to bring art and elegance to your garden.

Men, women, boys, and girls are invited to this free workshop at the world famous Hortense Miller Garden. Take inspiration from the beauty around you to create your own interpretation of our coastal landscape of sea and flowers.

The workshop and all materials are free to participants who must register in advance for the class by calling Marsha Bode at 949-244-2010 or email [marsha194299@yahoo.com](mailto:marsha194299@yahoo.com). Directions on how to get to the garden will be provided with registration.



## Meditating in the Garden

A three-hour mindfulness  
meditation retreat

in the Hortense Miller Gardens

Sat. February 29, 2020 from 9:45am to 1pm

Must register to participate contact Diane  
Lannon at [diane.lannon@gmail.com](mailto:diane.lannon@gmail.com)

The Hortense Miller Gardens are the perfect environment to practice Mindfulness Meditation, as the quiet beauty lends itself naturally to feeling calm and peaceful!

Mindfulness Meditation can deepen our experience and appreciation of our environment, manage the chatter of inner dialogue that can cause distractions and stress, and develop a deeper connection with the natural sense of peace that exists both outside of us in our surroundings and within ourselves.

We begin with a short talk on the “what and how” of Mindfulness Meditation developing awareness of our breath and the senses.

Meditating with the senses includes, smell, taste, sight, sound and body sensations. We begin seated together in a circle with a guided mindfulness meditation practice on how to use all our senses to be more open, aware and present in the moment.

There will be instruction for the walking and sitting meditation intervals and then we will head out into the gardens, allowing people to find an area where they will be doing two rounds of individual silent walking and sitting practice on their own marked by a bell. A journal will be provided for contemplation and reflection.

We will meet together again in the circle for another group guided meditation and spend time sharing observations and conversation.

## In The Community

### Greening the Gardens

President **Nancy Englund** had fun recently visiting Top of the World Elementary and Thurston Middle School and presenting them with checks from **Laguna Beach Garden Club** to help with ongoing projects their school gardens. The welcomed revenue will hopefully sow a new generation of gardeners!





## Trips & Tours

# Sunny Day & Discounts Too!

We had a beautiful day and a big group of club members for our visit to **OC Succulents/California Greenhouses** in Irvine. Chris gave us a tour of the facility and spoke about the wide variety of plants available, the history of the start and continued success of the business. To everyone's delight we were given a 20% discount on all purchases. Let me tell you, club members definitely used that discount!

Several purchased their plants with an eye toward the Auction and Open House in February.

Afterward, we went to **Urban Plates** and for a delicious lunch.

Some of the group went on to **Aki Nursery**, which is a lovely independent nursery with a wide variety of plants. The rest took their bounty home and got to planting. -Synthia Scofield



## 2020 Gate & Garden Tour

### LB Water District & Carmelita's: New Aspects of Our Annual Fundraiser

Touring gardens has been in vogue since the 1500s in Europe. At the start of the twenty-first century, with a history of over 100 years of garden tours, Britain had the largest number of gardens open to the public for tourist visits. In 1931 garden tours in England and Wales decided to combine the tour with a charity, and over the almost 100 years of its existence has raised millions of dollars for cancer research, nursing education and many other great causes.

In the 92 year history of the **Laguna Beach Garden Club Gate & Garden Tour** we fancy ourselves as blazing a trail of wonderfully dedicated woman and men establishing a benevolent tradition of presenting lovely Laguna Beach Gardens, that our residents are gracious enough to open to the public for the benefit of many great causes in our town. The reputation of our tour has grown and this year we have entire garden clubs coming from other states to join the wonder, which is our beautiful Laguna Beach Gate & Garden Tour!

This year we are proud to add **Carmelita's Kitchen de Mexico** as our food purveyor for tour day! They will be preparing a taco feast for our guests, that utilizes only the finest and freshest seasonal organic items that come straight from the local farmer's market in Laguna Beach. You will be able to purchase the most delightful Mexican lunch and pair it with our artisanal margaritas by Tequila Corcel. We will have a special Cilantro Cucumber Margarita that Carmelita's has agreed to share the secret recipe

on that special day. The plans are shaping up for an incredible day of garden gazing and pre and post tour partying at the gorgeous **Laguna Beach Water District gardens**. We have already sold more than 10% of all allocated tickets so don't delay! As a special Valentine gift for our members, you will be able to purchase your tickets at the February 14 meeting only, by cash or check for \$50 and not incur the \$5.00 Eventbrite Fees.

We envision many members 91 years from now continuing this tradition by planning many more tours throughout our seaside paradise town. **Come join the fun and invite your friends and family to join in for a great day and to support our beautiful city.**

A promotional graphic for the Gate & Garden Tour, framed with a thick red border. The background is light green and decorated with numerous red hearts of various sizes. The text is centered and reads: "Get the perfect Valentine's gift for your special someone!" in a red script font. Below this, in a smaller black font, is "Give the gift of an incredible experience at the Laguna Beach Garden Club's". The main title "Gate & Garden Tour" is in a large, bold, dark blue serif font. Underneath, "Saturday, May 2, 2020" is in a bold black sans-serif font. A white rectangular box contains the pricing: "\$50 'Early Bird' \$55 after 4/28" in bold black font, with smaller text below stating "LBGC members only—\$5 EventBrite service fee waived for tickets purchased at the 2/14 meeting!". At the bottom, it says "For more info and to purchase tickets: LagunaBeachGardenClub.org" in a black sans-serif font.

*Get the perfect Valentine's gift  
for your special someone!*

Give the gift of an incredible experience  
at the Laguna Beach Garden Club's

**Gate & Garden Tour**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

**\$50 "Early Bird" \$55 after 4/28**  
LBGC members only—\$5 EventBrite service fee waived  
for tickets purchased at the 2/14 meeting!

For more info and to purchase tickets:  
[LagunaBeachGardenClub.org](http://LagunaBeachGardenClub.org)



# Getting Involved

## Patriots' Day Parade

Calling all Garden Club members for the lifetime experience of marching in our Patriots' Day Parade and showing off what a force we are for the community of Laguna Beach. Remember, marching with our club is camaraderie, fun, and all downhill!

**Check your calendars and sign up at the Feb. meeting.**

**When:** Saturday, Mar. 7

**Where:** Laguna Beach High School Parking lot on Park Ave.

**Time:** 10 am arrival. Please be prompt as we are # 52. Parade starts at 11am.

**Dress:** Comfy shoes, blue jeans, white top, Garden Club apron, decorated hat with flowers

**Comfort:** Water, sunblock, tissue, phone if desired, lipstick with color, sun glasses.

**Parking:** Park in a neighborhood to avoid meter money. The parade ends at city hall.

**Jobs:** Garden Club banner (2 people)  
Garden Tour banner (2 people)

"Rakettes" carrying signs (10 people)  
Ladybug spinners (5 people)  
LBGC signboard carriers (7)

Lots more members to pass out our Garden Tour postcards

Everyone participate! The more the merrier!

Let's show our community all that we do and all our spirit!

For questions, contact Diane Kloke:

[kloke@cox.net](mailto:kloke@cox.net), 949-497-1866, cell 949-280-4568



## Volunteer of the Month

**Kat Meehan** name was drawn from the bucket filled with names of volunteers to be our *January Volunteer of the Month*. Joining the club in 2017, Kat brings a treat for the goodies table to every meeting. Thank you for your dedication to our club!



**Mary Hurlbut** attended our January meeting and wrote this wonderful article for a January edition of *Stu News*. If you missed the meeting, she included pictures of guest speaker Louesa Roebuck's found floral creations as well as giving a fabulous shout out about Laguna Beach Garden Club. Check out the article here:

<https://stunewslaguna.com/index.php/archives/front-page-archive/12903-laguna-garden-club-speaker-louesa-roebuck-011720>



## Green Thumb Crafts

# *Jeannie Yale's Ever Popular Succulent Wreaths*

It was a busy and productive morning in Jeannie Yale's garage for the January Green Thumb Craft. The ever popular succulent wreaths had a different twist this year, they were constructed on grapevine wreaths instead of wire frames.



Front row, left to right: Jeannie Yale, Cookie Lee, Rosemary Mendrella, Diane Kloke, new member Sandy Graham. Back row: Barbara Grimes, new member Jeannine Layman, Carla Beddome, Barbara's sister.





## Raffle

### *Win Something for Your Sweetheart (Even if That is You)*

A special raffle with fabulous items adds to the festivities of our Plant Sale & Open House on Valentine's Day, which so far include:

- Planter from OC Succulents
- Tentacle Arts Pot
- Heart-shaped Succulent Wreath by Jeanne Yale
- Arrangement + Gift Card from Plant Depot
- Arrangement from The Nursery by Southwinds
- Bromeliad from Chris Lutz
- Starbucks Gift Basket
- Farm to Table Platter & Accessories
- Pure Pilates Gift Certificate

As always tickets are \$5 for 1 ticket or \$20 for 7 tickets. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Come prepared and good luck to you.





### Recognition Award 2020 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 17, 2020**

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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