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Education in the Garden

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MEMBER NEWS

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all."
-Stanley Horowitz

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Don't let your garden fade into the end-of-summer sunset—add asters! This article from *Garden Design Newsletter* highlights the beauty of these multi-faceted flowers. Asters come in a wide range of sizes and colors, grow well in sun or shade, thrive in all types of soil, and bloom summer into early fall. [Learn more](https://www.gardendesign.com/flowers/aster.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Asters-8-20-) about these late summer garden stars, and get 6 design tips from experts. Click on the URL to go to the article.

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Come Join in
the Fun

Events This Month

General Meeting Sept 11

**Kay Havens &
Teena Spindler- Master
Gardeners -- Botanical Garden at
the Great Park, Irvine**
(see page 3) Zoom meeting

9:30 am-
make your
own cup of
coffee in your
kitchen

10:00 am-
Zoom in to
the meeting



2020-2021 Speaker Series Calendar

Check out the exciting list of
speakers for the new year

(see pages 5-6)

Zooming In On The New Year

It's September already, and Laguna Beach Garden Club is ready to start a new year of exciting guest speakers, meetings, and club activities. I am thrilled and humbled to be your president for the next two years. As you know from past newsletters, my focus as president is "*Education in the Garden*" — supporting and providing gardening education for our members and the community.

In support of that goal in today's environment, **the club will host its first-ever general meeting online via Zoom on September 11 at 10 am.** Our two featured speakers that day are delighted to be with us and have prepared a great presentation for you. *Kay Havens and Teena Spindler*, both Master Gardeners, will speak about the addition of a world-class botanical garden to the Great Park in Irvine.

The month of August has been a busy one for me — full of Zoom meetings and learning to become more proficient at hosting and leading online meetings and webinars. It's been fun, too! Rest assured, **the entire Board has been hard at work to make the online meeting process as smooth and flawless as possible.** I feel confident that all of you can participate via Zoom and enjoy the many benefits Laguna Beach Garden Club membership offers.

As Vice President last year, I was able to book most of our guest speakers for 2020-21, and I am excited to say they are a great group. Recently, **Lynn Jax and Jorja Puma**, our Co-Vice Presidents, contacted each speaker, and all of them have committed to Zoom presentations that will be interesting, informative, and entertaining.

Here is our speaker line-up through December:

- **Sept. 11:** Kay Havens & Teena Spindler, Master Gardeners -- Botanical Garden at the Great Park, Irvine
- **Oct. 9:** Dr. Matt Ritter, Professor of Botany, Cal Poly SLO, Native Tree and Plant Expert
- **Nov. 13:** Susie Vanderlip, Citizen Scientist, author -- Monarch Butterflies
- **Dec. 11:** Corey Welles, Environmental Horticulturist, Lotusland, Montecito -- Organic Gardening

Before the September meeting, we will email the Zoom link, meeting ID, and password to all members who paid for membership as of May 2020.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet (or would like to join the club), Membership Renewal Form (and New Member Form) are on pages 9 and 10 of the Newsletter. To renew go

to www.LagunaBeachGardenClub.org, under "Membership" to print out the form to mail in or complete it online. **The October meeting Zoom link, meeting ID, and password will go to all members who paid for 2020-21 membership as of Sept. 14.**

Remember, you must have the Zoom application downloaded on your tablet or computer to view the webinar, and you can get it at www.Zoom.com. If you would like to take part in a Zoom practice session prior to the meeting — or have any questions -- please contact me at Mariann@LagunaBeachGardenClub.org.

It's going to be a different year for our club -- but also a great one. There is no way of knowing when we will be able to meet again in person; as soon as we can, we will. Until then, I'll see you all on Zoom!

All the best to you and your families. Please take care, stay safe, and be well.

-Mariann Keenan



Speaker Series

Teena Spindler & Kay Havens

Masterfully Planning a Botanical Garden in the Great Park

We are excited to have as our first speakers of the year, a dynamic duo of Master Gardeners who are instrumental in the blossoming of the Great Park Botanical Garden in Irvine.

Teena Spindler (top photo) and **Kay Havens** (bottom photo) are founders of the **Great Park**



Garden Coalition (GPGC), whose purpose is to support the creation of a Botanical Garden at the Great Park, in Irvine (former site of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station). They will share the story of the grass roots journey that began in 2017 with a handful of Master

Gardeners determined to have a botanical garden retained in the Orange County Great Park Master Plan. The vision of a world-class botanical garden inspired more than a thousand supporters, and as a result the City of Irvine identified a site for the garden. Over 30 creative designs for the Botanical Garden were submitted by students in Cal Poly Pomona's Landscape Architecture program. The Orange County Great Park consists of 1,300 acres, of which 59 acres is preserved for the botanical garden and ensures that the land is safe from re-designation. The GPGC's ultimate mission is to envision, inspire, protect, and guide thoughtful leaders in creating and building a world-class destination garden for generations to come.

Teena and Kay are both long-time Master Gardeners. Teena is life-long garden lover and joined the ranks of UCCE Master Gardener in 2006 and lead Master Gardener volunteers to create the *Farm + Food Lab* garden at the Orange County Great Park in partnership with City of Irvine. Kay also is an avid lifetime gardener and garden designer. As an UCCE Master Gardener since 2007, she helped initiate the apex educational programs that won top State and International Master Gardener

awards. They both look forward to the day when we all can walk through the gates of a "growing legacy" of the botanical garden that the Great Park Garden Coalition plans to bring to reality. Their vision is to have a botanical garden "bloom right here in Orange County."

Since March many of us have taken several walks in our neighborhoods, varying the streets and destinations. If you'd like to see new places, go to www.publicgardens.org to the "Garden Map" tab, then fill in the "Search Public Gardens" and Viola, a map of 28 public and participating gardens within 150 miles will appear.

Visiting such gardens is not only good for the spirit; it's also good for the gardener's imagination. Gardening is has become more popular during the pandemic, any trip the local nurseries will attest. Focusing on local gardens showcases what grows best in our community. Local botanical gardens can also help quench a thirst for travel when long distance travel is limited.

We're looking forward to "seeing" you on Zoom on September 11.

-Lynn Jax and Jorja Puma

2020-2021 SPECIAL ADMINISTRATORS

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

Auditor	Ingrid Cebula
Community Projects	Jorja Puma
Constant Contact	Melissa Rapp
Donors/Sponsors	Lynn Jax
Graphic Arts Design	Carolyn Bent
Green Day Event (Sawdust)	Janet Chance
Green Thumb Crafts	Jeanne Yale
Hands-on Gardening Opportunities	
Hortense Miller Garden	Diane Lannon
Pocket Park	Monica Thompson, Susan Denton, Jeanne Yale & Diane Lamboley
	Synthia Scofield, Marilyn Ghery & Kathleen Kane
Sister Cities Garden	Monica Thompson & Susan Denton
	Elaine Davis
Garden by the Sea	Elizabeth Chapel & Lynn Pries
Historian	Lynn Jax
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Penny Pines	Marcy Horenstein,
	Norman Powell, & Cheryl Cxyz
Photo Contest	Lynn Jax
Plant Table	
Raffles	Diane Kloke
Scholarships	Mariann Keenan
LBHS	Dee Perry
Saddleback College	Lynn Jax
School Gardens Liaison	
SmartScape Expo (Water District)	Joyce Hill
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Facebook	Chris Lutz
Instagram	Jeanne Yale
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Laguna Beach Garden Club Speaker Series for 2020-2021



Because of the CA Covid-19 directive, our meetings with speakers will be online via Zoom, until further notice. To learn how to access the meetings please visit our website: LagunaBeachGardenClub.org

When in person meetings are deemed safe, we will meet the second Friday of the month, through May, 2021 at:

Laguna Presbyterian Church-
415 Forest Avenue in Tankersley Hall on Second Street.
Social hour starts at 9:30 AM. Meeting starts at 10. The public is welcome and no charge for guests on their first visit.



Friday, September 11, 2020

Teena Spindler & Kay Havens – Creating a Legacy: The Great Park Botanical Garden:

The City of Irvine identified a 59-acre site at the Great Park (the former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro) as a Botanical Garden and accepted over 30 creative designs by Cal Poly Pomona Landscape Architecture program in May of 2020. Teena and Kay are long time UCCE Master Gardeners and instrumental in creating the Great Park Garden Coalition to build a world-class garden for generations to come.



Friday, October 9, 2020

Dr. Matt Ritter – Trees of Southern California:

Dr. Ritter, a professor of Biology at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and author of *A California's Guide to the Trees Among Us*, will guide us through the urban forest. Matt will cultivate our curiosity and wonder about the green world around us as he does for his hundreds of university students each year.



Friday, November 13, 2020

Susie Vanderlip – Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Monarch Butterflies: Enjoy 45-60 minutes of science-based information on monarch butterfly life cycle, butterfly gardening, milkweeds, migration and more told through engaging live videos, beautiful photos, and fun anecdotes from a monarch butterfly “Midwife,” Susie Vanderlip.



Friday, December 11, 2020

Corey Welles – Sustainable Organic Gardening:

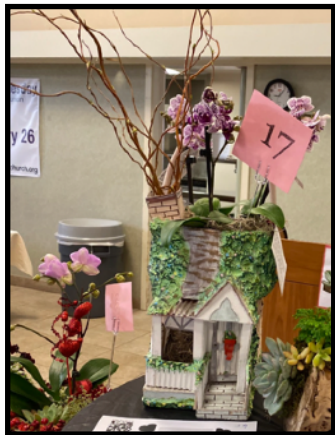
Corey will share organic methods employed by Lotusland in Santa Barbara. Corey has developed strategies for Lotusland to deal with common garden pests (ants, snails, slugs, gophers, aphids). In addition, discover how to care for popular plants using a “green” approach, including lawns, fruit trees, roses, and palms, along with natural weed management techniques.



Friday, January 8, 2021

Anna Maria Desipris — Garden Pollinators – Native and Honey Bees:

Local bee guardian and educator will present on some of our favorite pollinators: honeybees and our beloved native bees. Guests will learn life cycles of these amazing creatures, their role in ecology and how communities can encourage their population growth and stability. We'll also discuss pollinator loving plants to add to your garden!



Friday, February 12, 2021

Open House, Silent Auction, & Plant Sale

As of press time, details of our annual “Valentine’s Day” event are fluid. Should COVID 19 restrictions allow, come to Tankersley Hall at Laguna Presbyterian Church & plan to bid on one-of-a-kind planted container gardens created by Club members. Proceeds support school gardens, scholarships, and community projects. Please check the website for the most current information. www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



Friday, March 12, 2021

Debra Lee Baldwin – Succulents You’ll Love & Succulents that Love Laguna:

Can you have a garden that’s as easy on the eyes as it is easy-care? Absolutely! Come discover fresh and delightful ways to use succulents in dry, coastal Southern CA gardens, large and small. In an all-new presentation tailored for Laguna Beach Garden Club, renowned succulent expert Debra Lee Baldwin shows residential gardens from Santa Barbara to San Diego. She’ll explain why some of the most popular succulents — “colorful, fleshy-leaved plants from South Africa, Madagascar and the Canary Islands” — are better able to attain their full, beautiful potential here than anywhere else in the USA. Debra will show us new cultivars.



Friday, April 9, 2021

Deborah Shaw – Cultivating Diversity in Garden, Farm, & Field:

Deborah will highlight the biological wealth of cultivated plants through the lens of forty botanical artworks, selected for inclusion in The New York Botanical Garden's Fourth Triennial exhibition, a partnership of the American Society of Botanical Artists and the New York Botanical Garden. This international exhibition is devoted to biological diversity. Hear the fascinating stories told by these useful plants as we seek to increase the resilience of what we grow.



Saturday, May 1, 2021

16th Anniversary Gate & Garden Tour

Tour registration will be in the beautiful gardens of Laguna Beach County Water District where ticket holders will enjoy a luscious selection of homemade desserts, coffee, and botanical waters. In addition, artisanal margaritas & wonderful food will be available for purchase. Transportation to the private gardens will be in air-conditioned shuttle buses, and the self-guided walking tour follows a mapped route to gardens opened exclusively to ticket holders. If needed, we are looking at options to explore the tour virtually. Tickets will be available on our website:

www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org.



Friday, May 14, 2021

Topher Delaney — Garden Yoga: The Meaning & Metaphor:

Topher, a world-renowned landscape architect with both private and public installations across the US and Europe, hails from the Bay Area. Topher believes integrating horticulture with the cyclical aspects of nature tell a story when creating a garden or installation. Yoga is an ancient Sanskrit word meaning to join, balance or connect to foster harmony in the body, mind and environment to achieve liberation from aches and pains. The knowledge gained through the practice of Garden Yoga of the right plant in the right place will create a harmonious and balanced environment.



Garden Club Aprons

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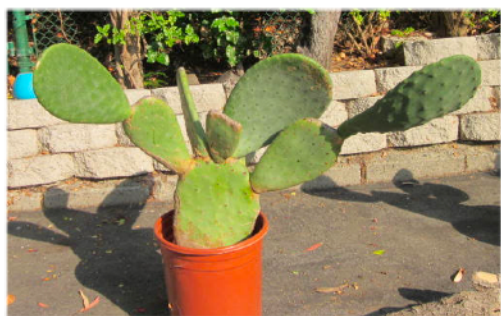
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Virtual Plant Table

Opuntia ficus indica — spineless prickly pear plants

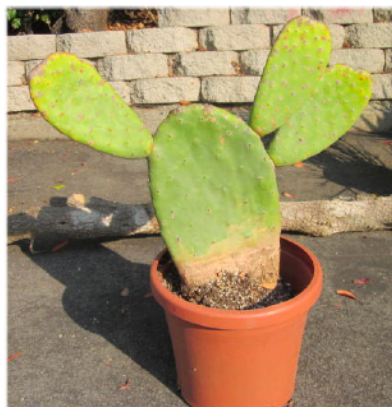
I grew these from pads I cut from my mature cactus to keep its size limited to 10 by 5 by 5 feet. These will thrive in any soil. All they need is sunshine. They have soft ghost spines that go away. Use gloves to pick the fruit. If interested in buying these plants contact Norman Powell 949-499-1487 see <https://davesgarden.com/guides/articles/view/4238>

Do you have plant items you would like to post on our virtual Plant Table? Send the information about your items and photos to Dalynn Malek at dalynnmalek@gmail.com

8 pad plant (above)
\$24

4 pad plant (right)
\$12

Far right plants-
\$7 each





Laguna Beach Garden Club 2020 - 2021 Membership Renewal Form

* Complete this form and attach a check for \$65, made payable to **Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc.**

Mail To:

Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. ~ P.O. Box 362 ~ Laguna Beach, CA 92652

- * Membership can be renewed on our website: LagunaBeachGardenClub.org.
- * All dues paid by Credit Card will be \$70.
- * Consider adding a donation. All donations are tax deductible and much appreciated. Donations of \$25 or more will be recognized in our newsletter, membership book and website as an official sponsor.
- * **You can renew as late as our September 2020 General Meeting to be in the Membership Book.**

Please Print neatly!

Note any changes from last year

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Check here if your contact information has not changed

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

THIS AREA MUST BE FILLED OUT

NAME _____ DATE _____

Your application is considered a photo release, giving the club permission to use any photos taken at club functions for publicity and in social media

Signature _____

Total Amount Paid _____ Dues _____ Donation _____

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- * All membership dues paid by Credit Card will be \$70.
- * Please consider making a tax-deductible donation above the membership fee to offset some of our expenses. All donations are tax deductible and much appreciated. Donations \$25 or more will be recognized in our newsletter and on our website.

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*We will get through this,
maybe just by the seat of our plants!*



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