



Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



Education in the Garden

MARCH 2022
MEMBER NEWS

"I WANT TO BE LIKE A SUNFLOWER
SO THAT EVEN ON THE DARKEST DAYS
I WILL STAND TALL AND FIND THE SUNLIGHT."

— Unknown - the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

When walking along Laguna's coastline, aloe plants are easy to spot. With their flaming orange spiked flowers poking out from the vibrant green leaves of the base plant, they offer a brilliant contrast to the blue skies of the beach. Blooming in the winter in most climates, aloe can brighten up a garden when other flowers are waiting to blossom in spring or summer. *Garden Design* website has a great article on this hardy evergreen succulent. Because most aloes bloom in winter,

they attract hummingbirds to their bright tubular flowers when little else is available. Click on the link below to read more about this stunning succulent.

https://www.gardendesign.com/succulents/aloe.html?utm_source=article-



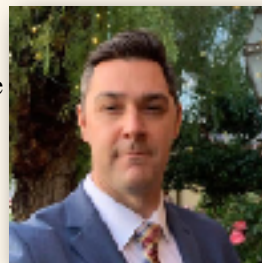
COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting March 11

Matthew Barker

Laguna Beach's very own City Arborist, will be talking about the maintenance & pruning of ornamental trees.



Laguna
Presbyterian Church

- 9:30 am social — treats will be served
- 10:00 am meeting (see page 3).

Green Thumb Crafts March 18

Succulent Wreath Making at Hortense Miller's House

Sign up and pay at the March 11 meeting.

- 9:30 am — cost \$15.00
(see page 10)

Open Gardens Happy Hour March 25

Our next Open Gardens Happy Hour will be on Friday, March 25 from 1-3 pm.

Cathy Bosko has graciously opened her newly renovated gardens to us.

(see page 10)

President's Message

Savor the Seasons in Your Garden

Dear Members,

Happy March! Happy Spring!
How much fun was our Valentine Plant and Planter Sale! I am thrilled with the items I brought home. I do have a favorite — the of it photo is below.



It's a busy time of year for our club... Arbor Day was March 7. A Budget Committee and the full Board of Directors have prepared and approved an annual budget for members to review and approve. Plus, we're about to undergo our annual audit. *Also, we're seeking new board members to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors: President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary. All are meaningful and fulfilling positions. Finally, our biggest fund raiser of the year is coming up: **The Gate & Garden Tour.***

So many ways for you, dear members to participate and have your voices heard. Spring is in the air, a time of renewal and new beginnings as well. Please consider new and different ways of contributing to your garden club — in my opinion the very best garden club, the *Laguna Beach Garden Club*.

The little garden in front of my home continues to delight. An orchid from one of our Trip & Tours is blooming orange and yellow. A crested cactus from OC Succulents delights my neighbors and me. Tripp is totally indifferent to all of it. I take no offense as he delights me in his own special way.



Our club continues its search for new Board members. Please consider how you might contribute to the board. We meet for 90 minutes once a month. We support each other very much. I became Vice

President soon after joining Laguna Beach Garden Club and I've enjoyed every single second of my time on the board. You can do it. I'll buy you lunch if you'd like to discuss.

*My best regards always,
Mariann*



**We are having a
cutting edge topic
at the
March 11
meeting!**

Matthew Barker Shares His Passion for Trees

Keeping Our Trees Healthy & Happy

This month **Matthew Barker**, Laguna Beach's very own City Arborist, will be talking about the maintenance and pruning of ornamental trees.

Matthew has 15 years of experience in the arboriculture industry, including over 8 years as a climbing specialist. This involved ascending to the heights of the tallest trees to perform pruning and maintenance. He transitioned into the role of tree risk and health assessor while working on the US Capitol Grounds for the Architect of the Capitol in Washington DC as well as for the City of Alexandria, Virginia. Currently he is the City Arborist

for the City of Laguna Beach where he manages all aspects of the City's urban forestry program.

He is going to talk about maintenance and pruning of ornamental trees, which for the most part are the smaller trees we have in our gardens.



A Very Fine Valentine Event

I was sitting at the cashier table, feeling good about our **Plant Sale and Auction event**. Looking up through “tree holes”, the sky was a brilliant blue just a day after the massive coastline fire was brought under control. The weather was not too cold and not too hot, but just right.

Laughter and mingling of members, friends and local residents filled the courtyard. The nine 10' tables, covered with white tablecloths, lent a lovely atmosphere for the 55 beautiful and imaginative arrangements, made by our members. Another table was covered with potted plants, ready to pop into one's garden design and priced from 2 to 10 dollars.

Our hostess table, after a last-minute call for

contributions, was laden with many and varied food items. I was grateful for the deviled eggs, my fav.

The areas on either side of the courtyard, offered a raffle of donated items from local artists and businesses, and an opportunity to buy *Gate & Garden Tour* tickets. Other tables were offering information and club memberships.

About 25 club members made up our team of “worker bees.” They contributed their various skills over the whirl-wind, 4 hour period of set-up, event activity and take-down. By the end, Were we tired? Were we amazed by our success? Were we pleased with ourselves? Did we take in about \$1,200? – YES!

-Elaine Davis



2022 Gate & Garden Tour

The Excitement Is Building For Our Annual Fundraiser

This year's **Gate & Garden Tour** is slated for Saturday, May 7, 2022, **10am-3pm**, and will take place in a yet to be disclosed location in Laguna Beach. Not knowing where it will take place is definitely part of the fun of the event!

The tour will lead us to private residences and gardens that we would not ordinarily have the privilege of seeing. In the spirit of the garden tour, we will visit gardens that are large and magnificent, quaint and charming, spectacular and contemporary and everything in between!

The Laguna Beach Garden Club is privileged and honored to have the trust of so many citizens of Laguna Beach who graciously open their prized gardens for the public to see. We are thrilled to have both **Team Laguna Luxury Real Estate** and **Laguna Beach County Water District** as major sponsors once again this year.



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 Magazine 2017).

Tour day fun begins at the beautiful South Coast Water District building in downtown Laguna

Beach. This year we will be back to full festivities at our host venue with Mexican food and once again the incredible *Corcel Tequila* artisanal margaritas for sale for your enjoyment. The not to be missed raffle that **Lynn Jax** and her committee work tirelessly to put together will also be a highlight at the venue as well.

We are starting to sign up volunteers for the many positions that are needed to pull off a major event such as this. Laguna Beach Garden Club has become famous for this spectacular tour and we are thrilled to bring a world-class event to the public that represents our club so well. Please contact Susan Denton to sign up to volunteer. cnnpinca@yahoo.com



Tell your friends and family not to wait to purchase tickets as we have sold out the last few years! For tickets go to: LagunaBeachGardenClub.org



COMMUNITY NEWS



HORTENSE MILLER GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022 FROM 11AM-2PM

This hidden Laguna Gem features a 2.5 acre garden with over a dozen unique trails and a pristine Mid-Century Modern home build by Knowlton Fernald in 1958 on the slope of Boat Canyon. Tucked under towering Torrey Pines, planted from one gallon saplings in 1959, there are over 1500 plant species of which about 150 are California natives. The wondrous variety gives the garden color and texture during every season. The home's walls of glass offer breathtaking ocean views. The original furnishings give the home a rare authenticity, fitting of a true Laguna artist.

There is continuous Shuttle Bus service from the parking lot of First Church of Christ Scientist, at 635 High Drive, Laguna Beach

Free Art Workshop for Children. Sack lunches permitted. There will be a Beekeeper Talk at noon.

Walking shoes recommended. Garden tours offered every hour.

Books by Hortense Miller, as well as container gardens and garden art available for sale.

Reservations are not necessary. Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted.

For more information: www.hortensemillergarden.org or call 949-374-2696



Sister Cities Gardener Dig In

I am a Garden Club member and volunteer at the **Sister Cities Garden at Heisler Park**. The Laguna Beach Garden Club team that includes **Synthia Scofield, Kathleen Kane, Marilyn Ghery**, and me, **Sandy Smith** have been working for several months to beautify the St. Ives garden in particular. We collaborate with members from the Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association on the three Sister Cities gardens in Heisler Park. The members of the Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association that also maintain these gardens include Betsy Jenkins, Gary Jenkins, Bill Atkins, Marilyn Beard, and myself. Three of us, Gary Jenkins, Marilyn Beard and myself, belong to both groups.

During the month of February, members from the Laguna Beach Garden Club and the Laguna Beach Sister Cities Association collaborated on new plants for the Sister Cities Garden in Heisler Park. Two new rose bushes were planted in the St. Ives garden, along with almost a dozen colorful pansies. Many team members are members of both organizations.

Photos show the following Garden Club members digging in. From top left clockwise: photo 1-Synthia Scofield and Sandy Smith, photo 2-Gary Jenkins, photo 3-Kathleen Kane and Synthia Scofield, photo 4-Synthia Scofield.

-Submitted by Sandy Smith



Leafing Out in Laguna

Laguna Beach is steeped in tree history — most all plein air artist paint the canyon and the coast with a tree or two to give scale and beauty to the composition. Our canyons are filled with beautiful native sycamores and oaks.

And since most of Laguna Beach had no other trees growing naturally, many were brought in and experimentation began. Australian, South African and Mediterranean native trees were planted, none were incorrect at the time, it was wild open territory, the effort was to beautify, to tame, and to make the new frontier functional. We are fortunate to get to be caretakers of the experimentation. What exists are trees that have weathered the decades even centuries of seacoast climate. The mature existing trees are a testimony to resilience and perseverance. As we are more cultured and educated than the first pioneers, we can appreciate the existing trees and assist them in continuing to their potential in conjunction with a growing population that is quickly realizing how important shade from trees is to keep a cooler street and how greenery calms the over-inundated senses.

Italian oaks and stone pines, ficus from Asia and Hawaii, melaleuca, pittosporum, and eucalyptus from Australia, Asia, and Africa, and magnolia, oaks, star pines from the Canary Islands are not California native trees - TRUE but if you look at old pictures of Laguna, there were no native trees in most of the land that makes up the area. It was a mix of shrubs and perennials and annual seeds that sprouted called coastal sage scrub. So to discount a tree because it's not a tree native to Laguna is pretty silly, not to mention that we built houses and business in a coastal sage scrub community so we have changed its natural make up. Our job may be to support the use of the most beautiful plants that work well with our natural environment. Sun, salt breezes, winds, very low rainfall, dry soil, also clay soil all should be considered when selecting trees to plant, and as we find trees that thrive here we need to judiciously use them to the city's advantage — planting them and grooming them to maximize our arboreal canopy. Species diversity is important — don't over use any plant species. As stewards of this fine land we need to be ever mindful that we all exist in a sensitive ecosystem — insects, birds, and other animals inhabit our world and we need to insure that we do not lose any of those elements that support the matrix that make up natural and beautiful LAGUNA BEACH.

We are so very fortunate to live in this city!

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS LINK

<https://hbtrees.org/>

“The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thanks,
Ruben Flores



Get Involved & Participate

February Trips & Tours

My car was full by the time my carpool and I finished buying plants at **Marv's** and **Dana Point Nursery**, both in Dana Point. Marv sells an interesting and inexpensive collection of succulents. Dana Point Nursery is a family owned independent nursery with a delightful array of plants in all description, a nice selection of pots and other good stuff. Five of us had lunch at **RJ's** in Dana Point Harbor which has a full menu including breakfast all day.
-Nancy Englund



February Volunteer of the Month & Name Tag Wearer

New member **Blair Contratto's** name was drawn as Volunteer of the Month. She moved to Laguna Beach after spending 30 years in Palos Verdes and joined LBGC to make new friends who enjoy the challenges and rewards of gardening. Thank you Blair for jumping in and getting involved with the club



Lucky name tag wearer Cathleen Pryor received a collection of Valentine stationery and a decorative tray for rocking her green LBGC name tag at the meeting.

Club Activities

Green Thumb Succulent Wreath Making at the HORTENSE MILLER GARDEN

Friday, March 18 at 9:30am

\$15.00 payable when you sign up at the
March 11 LBGC meeting

Questions: Contact Jeanne Yale
jeanne.yale@cox.net
949-246-5777 cell

Wear layers as it can be chilly in the
mornings.

Bring your clippers and about 50
succulent cuttings with a stem about 1
to 2 inches long.

We'll meet at Riddle Field and head up
together to the garden as it is a gated
community.



Open Gardens Happy Hour

**Friday, March 25 from 1-3 pm at
30172 Sonrisa Lane, Laguna Niguel
949-637-3016.**

Cathy Bosko has graciously opened her garden to us. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Cathy writes: in 2019, after living in our Laguna home for almost 25 years, we decided sell and rent for a year in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. We had a wonderful adventure and enjoyed our time there and loved the Southern hospitality.

In the beginning of 2020, we saw a home listed on Zillow in Laguna Niguel that was just what we had been looking for; so we put in an offer and deposit sight unseen and moved back. It was quite the fixer but because of the pandemic we were unable to remodel as we planned. The yard was a mess and had the original overgrown landscaping from when the house was built 30+ years ago.



Everything in the yard was demolished except for the walkway and we started with a clean slate. Luckily we chose wisely and picked a great landscape company after interviewing many. Our yard was transformed into a water wise oasis. We absolutely love looking at it and enjoy our fabulous view.

Open Gardens Happy Hour is a good way to meet new members, discover new ideas for your garden. 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

Recognition Awards

Just a reminder – Recognition Awards – be on the look-out for a club member who goes above and beyond as a possible nominee for one of the awards listed below. [See page 44 of your Membership Book for more details.]

Although the deadline is not until April, it's never too early to make observations. The nomination form appears below and is on the website. You may nominate more than one person in any of the categories.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or clarification. Lynn Jax Email: jax@cox.net or call 949-294-1500.

Previous Recognition Recipients include:

2017

- Club Members of the Year: Carolyn Bent, Linda Homscheid
- Garden of the Year: Nancy Englund
- Gardener of the Year: Lisa Fecteau
- Rookie of the Year: Monette Weiss

2018

- Club Member of the Year: Chris Lutz
- Garden of the Year: Mariann Keenan
- Gardeners of the Year: Synthia Scofield, Marilyn Ghery, Kathleen Kane
- Rookies of the Year: Becky Martin, Norman Powell

2019

- Club Members of the Year: Jeanne Yale, Dalynn Malek
- Garden of the Year: Dana Victorson
- Gardener of the Year: Sherry Stephens
- Rookies of the Year: Patty Gaffney, Susan Denton, Diane Olson





Recognition Award 2021 & 2022 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 18, 2022

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. (Use the back of the form, if necessary.)

Please return to Lynn Jax via:

- E: jax@cox.net
- or mail to: 456 Cress Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
- or deliver in person at the April 8, 2022 meeting.

Name of person nominating: _____

Email or phone number: _____

Annual Photo Contest – Deadline for submissions April 29

It's that time again and the deadline to submit is fast approaching. Members submit photographs from their gardens for our annual photography contest. The first and second place entries are featured on the front and back covers of our Membership Book. The winner of the 15th annual contest is Jackie Knauer's photo of her rock garden (front cover & pictured below), and Sandy Conway Smith's protea is the second-place winner (back cover).

Photo Contest Rules

1. Photo entries are due Photo Contest chair, Perry Stampfel, by **Friday, April 29, 2022**.
2. Only one entry per Garden Club member is allowed.
3. *Horizontal entries are preferred, but square is OK also. Please NO vertical photos.*
4. The entry must be a recent photo of some part of the member's garden.
5. By submitting the entry, the member declares that he/she owns the rights to the photo.
6. Entries will be judged by the Board by the end of the club year.
7. The first and second place winner's photos will be featured on the front and back cover of the 2022-23 Membership Book, respectively.

Submissions should be sent to Perry Stampfel via email. You will receive a reply confirming that your photo has been received.

For information contact:

Perry Stampfel
456 Cress Street
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Home: 949-497-7363 or Cell: 949-294-1502

Email: stampfeljax@cox.net

or stampfel@icloud.com



Budget Committee Report for LBGC Final Budget for 2022-2023

Please review the Final Budget for 2022-23. We will be taking a vote in March using the Constant Contact email voting function.

The Budget Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Director of Ways and Means and one to two members at-large prepares an annual budget to be sent to the membership in early March. It is the goal of 501 (c)(3) non-profit to have Gross Profit and Total Expenses for the year match.

2022/23 Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 • Donations		10,000.00
4050 • Plant Table Donations		1,000.00
4100 • Garden Tours Income		21,700.00
4300 • Membership Dues		12,350.00
4400 • Penny Pines Donations		0.00
4500 • Raffle Income		4,000.00
4600 • Special Events Income		0.00
4730 • Gate & Garden Tour Restricted		0.00
4700 • Restricted Donations - Other		0.00
Total 4700 • Restricted Donations		0.00
4950 • Taxable Sales		2,000.00
Total Income		51,050.00
Cost of Goods Sold		
5000 • Cost of Taxable Sales		1,000.00
Total COGS		1,000.00
Gross Profit		50,050.00
Expense		
Direct Expenses		
5100 • Contributions and Donations		13,070.00
5700 • Regular Speaker Expenses		
5710 • Professional Fees		7,000.00
5730 • Air, Hotel & Meals		2,000.00
5760 • Program Expenses		0.00
5700 • Regular Speaker Expenses - Other		0.00
Total 5700 • Regular Speaker Expenses		9,000.00
6500 • Special Events Cost		300.00
7000 • Gate & Garden Tour Expenses		12,400.00
Total Direct Expenses		34,770.00
General & Administrative		
8100 • Accounting & Professional Serv		2,300.00
8200 • Bank Chages		800.00
8350 • Insurance		600.00
8500 • Promotion - Publicity		600.00
8800 • Dues and Fees		1,080.00
9000 • Club Expenses		1,200.00
9200 • Hospitality Supplies		400.00
9500 • Rent		3,500.00
9700 • Website, Email & Technology Ser		4,800.00
Total General & Administrative		15,280.00
Total Expense		50,050.00
Net Income		0.00

February Raffle Winners

A fabulous assortment of raffle items were available during the fun February meeting.

The lucky winners of were:

Kathleen Kane – Arrangement + \$100 Gift Card from Plant Depot [top left]

Debbie Casseratti – \$150 Gift Cards from Laguna Coast Pottery bottom right]

Annie Sadler – Metal Barrel Cactus from Laguna Iguana [not pictured]

Congratulations to all of those who went home with wonderful prizes. **The next raffle will be held at the Gate & Garden Tour on May 7, 2022.** I welcome any additions to enhance the Gate & Garden Tour raffle.

On the next page is the **Merchant Raffle letter** which you can print and bring to your favorite shop to ask for a donation. If you would like a PDF copy sent to you directly, email me. I will bring copies of this same letter to the next meeting, also. Stop by the Membership Table to pick one up. Many hands make light work (especially for me). I really need about 30 items for the G> raffle, so far we have 8 items. I appreciate your help.

To donate please contact Lynn Jax email: jax@cox.net





Dear Merchant,

Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. is requesting a raffle donation for one of our Raffles. Our next raffles will be held:

- **May 7, 2022**, at our annual Gate & Garden Tour, our major fundraiser for the year. Deadline: April 29, 2022

Laguna Beach Garden Club is a service organization founded in 1928 that now has more than 185 members from all over Orange County.

The money raised from these raffles is used to fund school gardens, specifically Top of the World Elementary, El Morro Elementary, and Thurston Middle School. Additionally, we offer scholarships to students at Laguna Beach High School and to horticultural students at Saddleback Community College. We also use the money for our monthly educational speaker series and to fund our civic beautification projects within Laguna Beach.

Please complete the attached Raffle Donation Form.

Lynn Jax can be contacted via email or by telephone to arrange for pick-up of any item donated, including a gift card. I am more than willing to stop by at your convenience. At this late date I'd prefer to pick up the item in person.

If you prefer to donate a gift card, it can be mailed to:

Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. 456 Cress Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92652

ATTN: Lynn Jax

Benefits to Donors:

- Recognized with your name & donor level: *(linking your business website to appropriate places)*
 - **LBGC website**, viewed by hundreds of members & non-members annually
 - LBGC **Weeder's Digest** (monthly newsletter)
 - LBGC 2022-23 **Membership Book**
 - **Gate & Garden Tour Brochure** – given to 600+ ticket holders (local, surrounding areas, & other

states).

- Name added to **In-Kind Donor Wall of Fame** – Levels:
 - **Monarch** \$1000 +
 - **Pelargonium** \$500 - \$999
 - **Poppy** \$100 - \$499
 - **Aloe** \$25 - \$99

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Lynn Jax

Lynn Jax, Director of Membership & Raffle Administrator

E: jax@cox.net C:949-294-1500 or Home: 949-497-7363

Our Federal Tax ID number is listed below.



Merchant Raffle Donation Form

Return this completed form with your donation **OR** if using USPS, mail to:

*Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. 456 Cress Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
ATTN: Lynn Jax*

Donor/Company Name: _____

Name you would like to be acknowledged: _____

Contact Information:

Contact person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Item Description: _____

Retail Value:

Is item No Exchanges or Returns? YES _____ NO _____

Garden Club Member name: _____

Contact Info: Email or phone #: _____



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