



Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



MARCH 2025

MEMBER NEWS

Sowing Seeds of Wonder through
a Community of Gardeners

*"All the flowers of tomorrow are in the
seeds of today."*

– Indian proverb

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

We are so lucky to live in a Mediterranean climate, where one day is bright and sunny, and then we have a few days sprinkled with rain, just enough to clean everything off so we can begin afresh. I don't think it is a coincidence that California is such a creative state- think Hollywood movie studios, Silicon Valley, and graphic design companies, to mention a few. Maybe it's the weather, our outdoor lifestyle, and oh yeah, then there is the ocean. I find the Pacific Ocean to be an inspiring body of water that is calming, while at the same time energizing. I am the first to admit that walks at Salt Creek & Strands Beach during COVID kept me sane. As spring is just around the corner, take some time to breathe in all that our wonderful state has to offer.



COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting March 14

Nelson Coates

The Impact of
Plants &
Gardens on
Film.

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Laguna
Presbyterian
Church

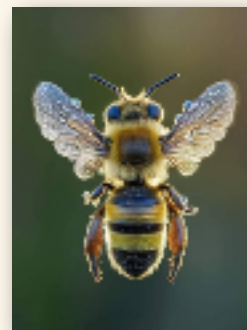


9:30 am social
10:00 am meeting & speaker

Trips & Tours March 26

Niguel Botanical Preserve

see page 8 for details



See page 8 for an interesting fact
about bees

Savor the Seasons in Your Garden



Seeing everyone at the Valentine's Day Plant and Planter Sale, Open House, and Boutique was lovely. I hope everyone enjoyed the event and took home something fun. For me, it was an air plant tree house and the lively memories of talking with so many of you.

The first day of Spring will be March 20th! Early Spring is a wonderful time to plant vegetables, refresh the soil in pots, and mulch garden beds.

I look forward to planting new plants in my salsa garden. One of the classic herbs I enjoy for my homemade salsa is cilantro. I prefer to keep it simple by blending two cans of Italian stewed tomatoes, cilantro, and Serrano peppers. Cilantro is also excellent in soups. I usually add a few stems to my vegetable soup during the last few minutes of simmering, which adds a nice, refreshing touch.



I hope to see you at the City of Laguna Beach Arbor Day Celebration on March 6th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Aliso Beach Park. The event will feature native tree planting, activities for kids and grandkids, plant giveaways, live music, and more!

March 8 is another important date: the Patriot's Day Parade through downtown Laguna Beach, featuring the world-famous LBGC "Rakettes." Please come and be part of the fun!

Lastly, Nelson Coates, a production designer and Laguna Beach resident will be our speaker on March 14th. He will discuss the impact of plants and gardens on film.

Thank you for reading! I hope everyone enjoys our upcoming series of events. (This article was submitted on March 1st)

-Mary Sanchez

March Weeder's Digest Contest

Find the lucky 4-leaf clover(s)! There are multiple shamrocks (including this one, which counts in the total) somewhere in this Weeder's Digest. It's tricky! Count only how many four-leafed clovers you find and submit your (correct) answer to: jwholcombe@aol.com no later than **Thursday, March 13 at 5 pm** to be entered in a drawing for a prize. Winner to be announced and the prize awarded at the March 14 meeting. You must be present to win.



March Guest Speaker Nelson Coates Presents:

The Impact of Plants and Gardens on Film

Nelson Coates is an American Production Designer for feature film and television as well as a Laguna Beach resident. His motion picture credits include the Lin-Manuel Miranda musical “In the Heights” and feature films “Crazy Rich Asians”, “Fifty Shades Darker” and he just completed designing Season 4 of “The Morning Show” with Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Aniston, for AppleTV+.



Nelson is one of the top production designers working in cinema today. Coates earned an Emmy nomination for designing Stephen King’s miniseries “The Stand” based on King’s bestseller. His design work has been featured multiple times in such publications as Architectural Digest, Elle Décor, Harper’s Bazaar, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times and has been featured in exhibition at the Biennale Milano.

Between movie projects, Nelson designs real world projects as architect/interior designer for unique residential & commercial projects. Nelson’s philanthropic work includes fund-raising, consulting, and event organizing for numerous organizations including the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, Laguna Art Museum and many more.

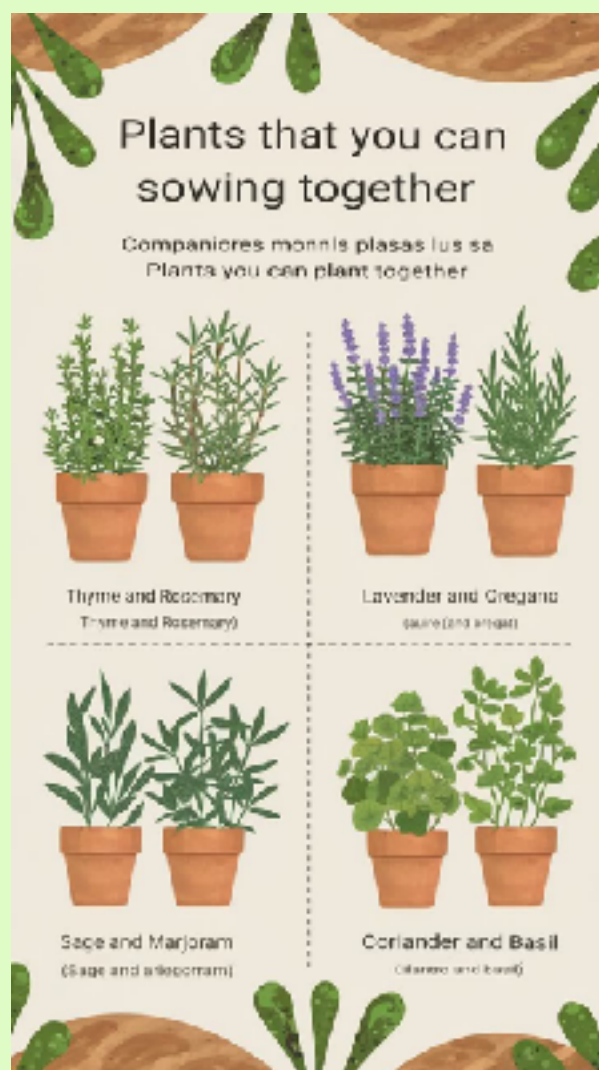
Nelson will be speaking about how he effectively uses plants and gardens in award winning film and television shows to create the mood and ambiance needed for each film. We are honored and excited to have this local legend speak at our club meeting.

Please join us on Friday March 14, 2025 at 9:30-10:00AM for social time and refreshments. Our meeting begins promptly at 10:00AM. Meetings are held at Laguna Presbyterian Church in Tankersley Hall located at 415 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach. Non-members are invited to attend for free on their first visit. For more information on the garden club:

www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

-Blair Contratto Vice President

Did you know that some plants benefit from growing together? Here is a simple guide to perfect combinations for your pots or your garden.



Shamrocks (not to be confused with “fake rocks”)

The shamrock is a well-known symbol of Ireland. There is a lack of certainty, even among the Irish, about the precise botanical species that is the “true” shamrock. Most people, including a majority of the Irish, consider the shamrock to be a type of clover. A survey done in Ireland in 1893 showed variation in what species were considered shamrock, with 51% of responders choosing *Trifolium dubium* (lesser clover) and 34% choosing *Trifolium repens* (white clover). Some other three-leaved plants—such as *Medicago lupulina* (black medick or nonesuch), *Trifolium pratense* (red clover), and *Oxalis acetosella* (wood sorrel)—were also called shamrocks in the survey. The survey was repeated in Ireland in 1988, with mostly different responders, and the respective percentages for *dubium* and *repens* were 46% and 35%. Fairly consistent a century later, but white clover is moving up!



Clovers, also called trefoils, are plants of the genus *Trifolium* (from Latin *tres* 'three' and *folium* 'leaf'), consisting of about 300 species of flowering plants in the legume family. The three-leaved clover has long been a symbol of Ireland. Saint Patrick is said to have used it as a metaphor for the Christian Holy Trinity. The name shamrock comes from Irish *seamróg*, which is the diminutive of the

Irish word *seamair* and simply means "young clover." That would appear to rule out *oxalis* and *nonesuch*.

Why is a four-leafed clover



thought to be lucky? Well, it's rare and hard to find. A 2017 survey of approximately 5.7 million clovers in six European countries found the frequency of 4-leaf clovers to be around 1 in 5000 (one 4-leaf clover for every 5076 normal 3-leaf clovers). More leaves are even more rare. According to this survey, the frequency of 5-leaf clover is 1 in 24,390, and that of 6-leaf clover is 1 in 312,500.



The first known written reference to four-leaved clovers being lucky dates from 1620, in Sir John Melton's satirical play *Astrologaster*, which states “if a man walking in the fields, finds any foure-leaved grasse, he shall in a small while after finde some good thing,” in a list of superstitious beliefs. A pot of gold might qualify as “some good thing.”

Researchers from the University of Georgia found a gene that turns ordinary 3-leaf clovers into the coveted 4-leaf types. Masked by the 3-leaf gene and strongly influenced by environmental conditions, molecular markers make it possible for breeders to detect the presence of the gene for four leaves and to work with it. There are farms in the US which specialize in 4-leaf clovers, producing as many as 10,000 a day by introducing a genetically engineered ingredient to the plants to encourage the aberration. They are wrapped in plastic and sold as "lucky charms"

Hmm... I don't think purchasing a genetically engineered four-leaved clover counts as lucky. But you might find your own lucky four-leaved clover using a free app on your phone: FOUR-LEAF. I've tried it. No luck so far, but you never know. Gotta look through 5000 regular clovers first. I'll need the luck of the Irish!

-John Holcombe Co-Treasurer

February's Trips & Tours Tackles The Tree of Life Nursery

We had another gorgeous day for our *Trips & Tour* expedition! It was breezy and warmish. Seventeen of us trekked out to **Tree of Life Nursery** to shop before they close (which isn't official until December). There are still plenty of plants and other goods to be had and I highly recommend that you go out there and see what you can find.

Afterward, most of us met at **Morena's Mexican Restaurant** for a delightful meal outside on their patio. Everyone truly seemed to enjoy their lunch. Plus, they managed to fit all of us at one table and the camaraderie of yelling from one end of the table to the other was silly and special. Thank goodness we were outside!

Several of us then continued to **Plant Depot** where we added even more debt to our credit cards. We always manage to find more than we need on our nursery expeditions!

I don't know about everyone else, but I got all my purchases either potted or planted in ground the next day!



Valentine Open House Plant & Planter Sale

The Valentine Open House was a tremendous success! Members contributed by providing fifty beautiful and creative container gardens. The Boutique tables were filled with a variety of donated treasures, and the Plant table offered a wide selection of smaller plants. As always, the wonderful raffle items encouraged attendees to purchase tickets.

None of this would have been possible without the many volunteers who donated items and those who helped prepare for the event, both in advance and on the day itself. A big thank you to everyone involved! It was a fun morning, and the club raised valuable funds to support our community.

-Mary Jones



FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting is always bustling with activity. The treat table was beautifully decorated by **Lisa Goodlad** and other tables were laden with donated treasures for members to purchase. Inside Tankersley Hall **Susan Denton** & **Kari Niles** sold one-time discounted tickets to the *Gate & Garden Tour*. **Diane Klope** and crew did a clever pitch to entice the members to participate in the annual Patriots Day Parade. Meanwhile at the long table by the windows, a “rogues gallery” of gentlemen members observed the festivities. Pictured at the bottom of the page are members signing up for various club volunteer activities in a gallery walk lead by Vice President **Blair Contratto**.





March Trips & Tours

The destination for the March *Trips & Tours* is the **Niguel Botanical Preserve**. We will be gathering at St Catherine's at 9:45 am and leaving at 10 am. Lunch will be at Zesty Olives in Laguna Niguel. This is a specific request to go back to NBP. We went there in January, and now we return as spring is launching. We are keeping it a close destination this time to change things up. Sign up at the March 14th meeting.



ZESTY OLIVES
Mediterranean Grill

Fun facts about the Kentucky Derby Hat History

One of my absolute favorite parts of the *Gate & Garden Tour* is the Hat Contest. I love watching the beautiful hats walk by. Most of all, I love how the excitement radiates from those in attendance at the sight of these spectacular hats. It's pure joy, not complicated, not deep, just absolute fun for the sake of fun!

In the late 19th century, horse racing in America was often associated with gambling and unsavory behavior. Seeking to elevate the sport's reputation, Colonel Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr., founder of the Derby, envisioned an event that mirrored the sophistication of European races like France's Grand Prix de Paris. To transform the racetrack into a venue of high society, Clark and his wife, Mary Radford, embarked on a campaign throughout Louisville, inviting the city's elite to attend. They emphasized that the event was a place for the upper class, encouraging attendees to dress in their finest attire. The result was over 10,000 spectators at Churchill Downs filled with elegantly dressed ladies and gentlemen, with women coordinating their hats to the rest of the ensemble. Their campaign was a huge success and now the Derby has become as much a fashion event as it is a horse-racing one!



Ok, the *Gate & Garden Tour* was never considered unsavory, and the only thing Susan and I bet on is whether there will be rain or not, but the essence of their goal was the same as ours; to provide another fun aspect to a spectacular day of viewing gardens. The hats worn by our members often serve as a personal statement of style and creativity, ranging from classic and elegant to bold, whimsical and outright funny! Wearing a hat to the Kentucky Derby is a way to take part in a long-standing tradition that honors the history of the event and its cultural significance. We hope that we have started a tradition that will continue to pick up steam long after we are gone and will become a favorite for many years to come.

Whether you choose a derby styled wide-brimmed hat, or a fascinator (smaller decorative headpiece), or a sun hat, straw hat, fez, Boonie, cowboy, bowler, Breton, Panama, cloche, boater, or beret, just get your hat on for this event!

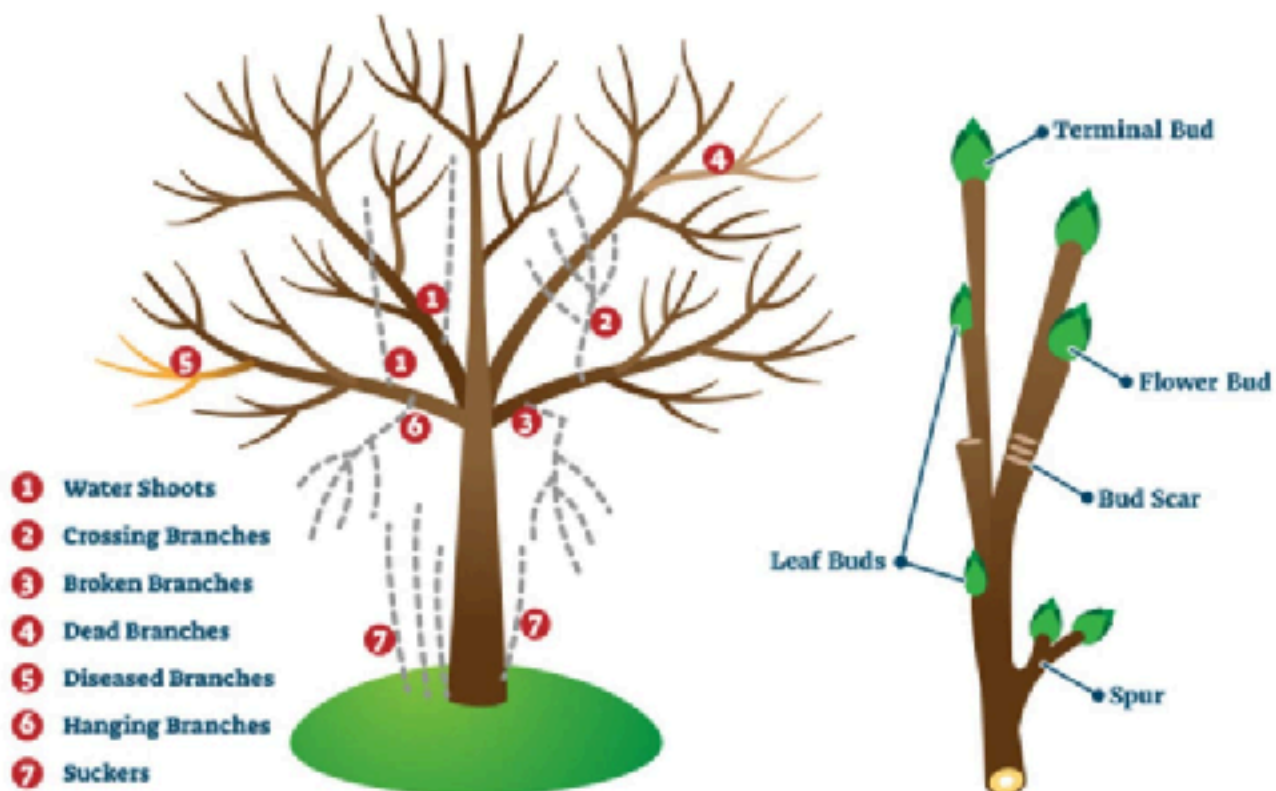
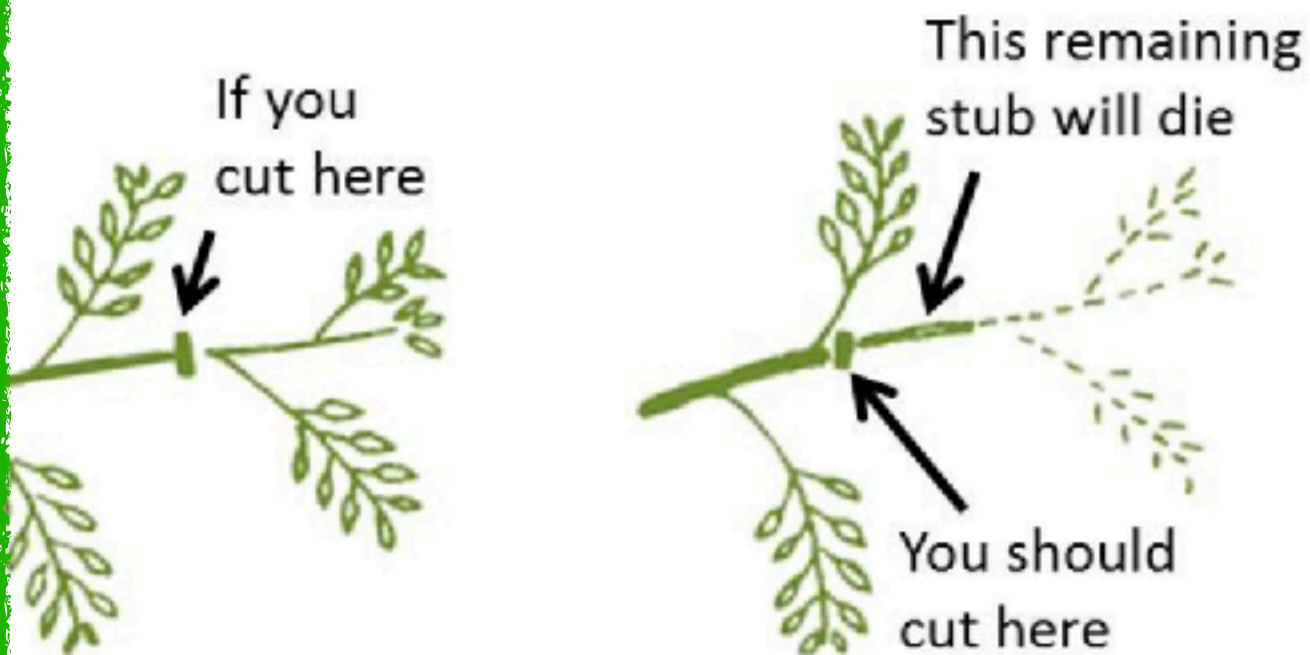
The Hat Contest committee will be announcing their categories for judging for the hat contest soon and you will all be notified via a Constant Contact message. That way you can decide which direction you want to go with your creation. Trust me, you will love being part of the excitement on the day of the event for sure.

In the words of Philip Treacy, "How a hat makes you feel is what a hat is all about".

- Karen Nelson & Susan Denton



Spring Pruning Tips



Growing & Giving

Volunteer of the Month Ingrid Cebula, a member since 2015, not only serves as the Club's Auditor, she is also a Master Gardener who offered her plant expertise to members at the February meeting. She cheerfully answered questions about plants and provided expert advice about plant maladies. Additionally she helps **Monica Thompson** on the rose team caring for the roses at the church. She proudly marches with the club in the Patriots Day Parade as well as loving to docent at the *Gate & Garden Tour*. Thank you Ingrid!



February Name Tag Wearer & Newsletter Contest Winner

Lucky name tag wearer **Patricia Weier**, a member since 1998, received a lovely butterfly tea infuser for wearing her green LBGC name tag at the meeting.

Joanie Knapp, member since 2020, used her eagle eye to spot the correct numbers of hearts hidden throughout the February Weeder's Digest. She was one of 17 entries who correctly counted the hearts, she won the drawing of entries, and this lovely bouquet of roses in a vase.



Let's bake lots & lots of
COOKIES!!!



Bakers Eagerly Needed

to bake three dozen of your favorite cookies
or our Spring

Gate & Garden Tour

Please email Trudy Josephson @
VeryTrudyYours@gmail.com



Member Recognition Awards 2025

It's time to look around closely for garden club members you want to nominate for this year's **Recognition Awards** as listed below. Any member who you see go above and beyond to help the Club achieve our mission is eligible. [See page 57 of your Membership Book for more details].

The deadline to submit your nominees is **April 18th**. The nomination form is in this March newsletter and will also be in the April newsletter. You may nominate more than one person in any of the categories.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize your fellow members for their outstanding efforts on behalf of our Garden Club. This award has significant meaning to its recipients because it shows appreciation for outstanding efforts and the spirit of volunteerism.

There will be copies of the nomination form at the April 11th meeting for your convenience. I'd love to receive many nominations to recognize our fellow members. Use a **SEPARATE FORM** for each **CATEGORY**.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or clarification. Jane Leary Email janeleary12@gmail.com or call 706-716-1207.

Previous Recognition Recipients include: (Please do **NOT** nominate a previous winner for the same category as we'd like to spread the love around.)

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

2020-2022

- Club Members of Year: Elaine Davis, Nancy Englund, Lynn Jax
- Garden of the Year: Inge Bunn, Dalynn Malek, Madeleine McLendon
- Gardeners of the Year: Sandy Smith, Susan South, Monica Thompson
- Rookies of the Year: Grace Balen, Diane Groh, Mae Ho, Jane Leary, Cookie Lee, Kari Nies, Gay Redcay

2023

- Club Members of Year: ElizaBeth Chapel, Lynn Pries, Kari Nies, Karen Nelson, Pam Bisson
- Gardens of the Year: Brian Jones, Susan Denton
- Gardener of the Year: Ingrid Cebula
- Rookies of the Year: Kate Hershey-Guerra, Blair Contratto, Vicky Adams-Cuccia

2024

- Club Members of Year: Bee Mural Team (Blair Contratto, Nancy Englund, Jane Leary, & Karen Nelson) and Melissa Rapp
- Garden of the Year: Monica Thompson
- Gardener of the Year: Helga Yaillen
- Rookies of the Year: Mary Koebler, Mary Lewis, Joann Trejo-Magee, Jeff Whittiker



Recognition Award 2025 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, 2025

Recognizing each other's efforts shows our appreciation towards our own, and to those who 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 Jane Leary via:

- E: janeleary12@gmail.com
- or mail to: 31566 Scenic Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
- or deliver in person at the April 11, 2025 meeting.

Name of person nominating: _____

Email or phone number: _____

Annual Photo Contest – Deadline for submissions April 18

It's that time again and the deadline to submit is fast approaching. Members submit photographs from their gardens for our annual photography contest. There are 2 contests: one for the Front Cover and one for the Back Cover featured on our Membership Book. The winners of the 18th annual contest were the front cover by Linda Richardson's photo of Western Honeybee perched on a Chrysanthemum and the back cover by Nancy Englund's photo of a Western Honeybee.

Photo Contest Rules

1. Photo entries are due to the Photo Contest chair, Perry Stampfel, by **Friday, April 18, 2025**.
2. Garden Club members may submit one photo for the **FRONT** cover and one for the **BACK** cover.
3. Renewed membership is required.
4. Photos must be **HIGH-RESOLUTION**. If using iPhone or Android when sending the photo, be sure to send the photo in "ACTUAL SIZE" – not small, medium, or large. Minimum photo size of 4,000 KB is required.
5. To win the **FRONT** cover contest, the photo must be **horizontal or square**.
6. To win the **BACK** cover contest, the photo must be **vertical or square**.
7. The entry must be a **recent** photo of some part of the member's garden.
8. By submitting the entry, the member declares that he/she owns the rights to the photo.
9. Entries will be judged by the Board by the end of the club year.
10. The winner's photo will be featured on the front and back cover of the 2025-26 Membership Book.

NOTE: We encourage a variety of photos, including but not restricted to garden settings or features, mass plantings, and flowers.

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

Rules are also listed on **page 47** of your Membership Book.

For information contact:

Perry Stampfel
456 Cress Street
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

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

Email: stampfel@icloud.com



Making Everyday Independence Day at Glennwood House!

Glennwood House is a residential community for adults with developmental disabilities and/or intellectual disabilities located at the corner of Ruby Street and Coast Highway. Programs provided help promote increased self-esteem in developing the daily living skills necessary to live independently and live, work, and play right here in Laguna Beach.

Thanks to the funds raised through your efforts at our annual Gate & Garden Tour our Club awarded \$3,500.00 to Glennwood House this year in support of their cherished garden. The funds will be used for soil amendments, blueberry plants, seedlings of all kinds of delicious fruits and vegetables, tools, gloves, signage and more, all to support this gem of a garden and our friends at Glennwood House.

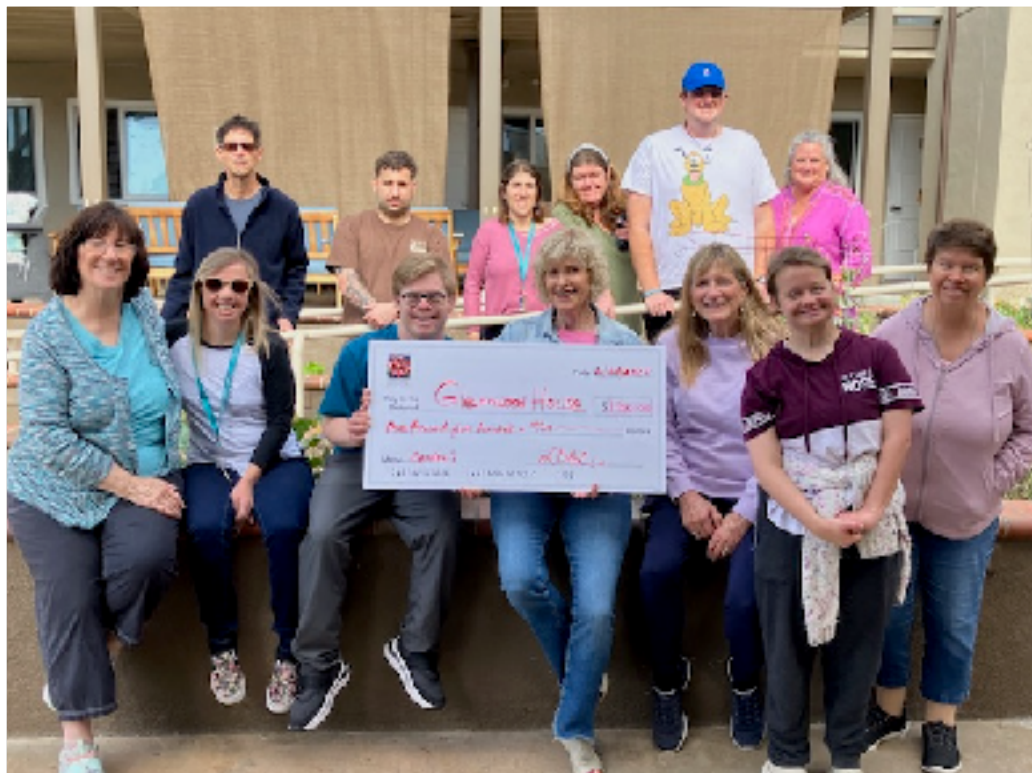
The kitchen garden is maintained by the residents. Thanks to Club member, Board Secretary and Master Gardener **Monica Thompson**, who manages the garden and our Laguna Beach Garden Club, the Glenwood Garden continues to thrive, providing fresh produce for their meals along with a whole lot of joy. Plant a seed and watch it grow at Glennwood House!

Together, Laguna Beach Garden Club and Glennwood House ROCK!

For more information about the Glennwood Housing Foundation and to see some fabulous photos including their garden go to:

[Disability Support - Glennwood Housing Foundation](#)

-Jane Leary



Pictured are residents and staff of Glennwood House along with LBGC Past President **Jane Leary** and **Monica Thompson**, LBGC Secretary



Introducing a New Member

Please roll out the Garden Club Welcome Mat when you see our new members at meetings and outings. We've had several more join since January, however, with busy schedules they have yet to get back to me with their bios and photos. However, our NEWEST member who joined at the February meeting is Lizanne Witte. I truly enjoyed reading about and writing about her. I know you will also. I'm sure you will notice a familiar refrain of many of our new members as being invited by other members. That being said, if you have a friend, neighbor, or colleague who might be interested, please feel free to invite them to attend a meeting to see if we are good fit. The first meeting is free.

Lynn Jax, Director of Membership

Lizanne Witte – (joined February 14, 2025) was invited to the annual February event by Susan



Denton, who she met at a Pilates studio in Laguna. She showed up toward the end but was surprised by the large, lively turnout. Who knew there were 249 members. Lizanne has lived in Laguna for nearly 24 years and to her knowledge has never met a single person who was a member of the Garden Club before. She didn't know anything about the club even though she is a gardener herself and tackles a big garden in South Laguna. None of her Laguna friends are true gardeners. She has been involved in the campaign to save Laguna's trees with Barbara MacGillivray and Ruben Flores. She was instrumental in organizing an Arbor Day for Laguna a few years back. Though she no longer serves, she was

on the board of South Laguna Civic Association. She grew up in New Jersey and moved to San Francisco after college and then moved to Orange County. She and her husband raised their three children in Laguna Beach.

She enjoys horticulture and environmental experts and looks forward to our speakers. She organized speakers for the Newport Beach Public Library for years and appreciates this format for learning as she needs inspiration to get out into the garden and keep the plant palate evolving. Lizanne loves to learn new ways to make plants and trees thrive. When she was a girl, she had a horse named Spice and was a member of the 4H Club. More recently she has also hiked most of Laguna's trails over the years and has a group who friend who hike on Thursday mornings.

Membership Update

I am pleased to announce that we now have **249** members as of February 24, 2025. If you have not picked up your 2024-2025 Membership Book yet, tables will be located inside for your convenience at our next meeting March 14.

Name tags – reminder to wear yours to receive a ticket to be eligible to win a great prize as a reward for wearing it. **Special Note*** New members who joined in February, your name tags will be ready for pick up as well as the replacement name tag.

I will be traveling in Italy and return April 8; rest assured the Membership Table will be up and running well at the March 14 meeting with **Jackie Knauer** and **JoAnn DeYonker** who have been my assistants for the past several years at the helm.

Looking ahead: Our Membership Drive begins at the April 11 general meeting, which will be time for **ALL** members to renew their membership for 2025-2026.

-Lynn Jax, Director of Membership

Doheny Butterfly Garden Update

Exciting news! Over 72% of the ivy in the butterfly garden has been removed thanks to the help of a few dedicated LBGC members, our friends from Glennwood House, our new dedicate leader Gwen Abrams and the local, hard-working Boy Scout groups who really stepped up to do the heavy ivy pulling.

Beginning in March we will be meeting on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** from now on (no more Wednesdays), 9AM to about noon. This change will be easier for everyone to remember what day to show up and it no longer will conflict with our Club's super-fun Trips & Tours.

Spring is coming and it's time to freshen up the garden. Please come out in March and help us get ready! Those dates are **March 13th and 27th**! And **April 10th and 24th**.



Bring hats, water, protective eyewear and your enthusiasm. Gloves and newly purchased gardening tools will be provided.

If you want to join in the fun come on down to the Doheny Butterfly Garden and look for Gwen and the team!

-Jane Leary



Budget Committee Report for LBGC Final Budget for 2025-2026

Please review the Final Budget for 2025-2026. We will be taking a vote in March.

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

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000 – Donations	\$14,500	
4050 – Plant Table Donations	\$1,100	
4100 – Garden Tours Income	\$45,000	
4200 – Grants	\$0	
4300 – Membership Dues	\$15,000	
4400 – Penny Pines Donations	\$1,000	
4500 – Raffle Income	\$5,500	
4600 – Special Events Income	\$0	
4700 – Restricted Donations		
4720 – Community Proj Restricted	\$2,000	
4730 – Gate & Garden Tour Restr	<u>\$12,000</u>	
Total 4700-Restricted Donations	\$14,000	
4950 – Taxable Sales	<u>\$4,500</u>	
Total Income		\$100,600
Cost of Goods Sold		
5000 – Cost of Taxable Sales	<u>-\$3,000</u>	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	<u>-\$3,000</u>	

Gross Profit	\$97,600
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Expense

Direct Expenses

5100 – Contributions and Donations	\$20,500	
5200 – Educational Program Expense	\$1,000	
5500 – Raffle Expenses	\$0	
5700 – Regular Speaker Expenses		
5710 – Professional Fees	\$7,000	
5730 – Air, Hotel & Meals	<u>\$2,000</u>	
Total 5700	\$9,000	
6000 – Restricted Expenses		
6010 – Community Projects Restr	\$30,000	
6020 – G> Restricted Expenses	<u>\$12,000</u>	
Total 6000–Restricted Expenses	\$42,000	
6500 – Special Events Cost	\$0	
7000 – Gate & Garden Tour Expenses	<u>\$5,000</u>	
Total Direct Expenses		\$77,500

General & Administrative

8100 – Accounting & Professional Serv	\$3,000	
8200 – Bank Charges	\$1,000	
8300 – Meetings	\$0	
8350 – Insurance	\$900.00	
8500 – Promotion/Publicity	\$300.00	
8800 – Dues & Fees	\$900	
9000 – Club Expenses	\$4,000	
9200 – Hospitality Supplies	\$1,000	
9500 – Rent	\$3,500	
9700 – Website, Email & Technology Serv	\$5,500	
Total General & Administrative	<u>\$20,100</u>	

Total Expense	\$97,600
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Net Income	\$0
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BEST FLOWER PAIRINGS TO GROW IN POTS



**Sunflowers &
Petunias**



**Geraniums &
Lobelia**



**Lavender &
Sweet Alyssum**



**Marigolds &
Nasturtiums**



**Echinacea &
Salvia**



**Begonias &
Ferns**

Valentine's Day Raffle

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

The lovely winners are:

Toni Kellenberg-Succulent Wreath

Barbee Martin-Valentine's Gift Basket

Taylor Sanchez-2 Hand Crafted Bowls by Roger Taft

Linda Homscheid-Laguna Coast Pottery Gift Card

Cookie Lee-Mama Roscoe's Pizzeria Gift Card

Kathleen McClelland-Wine Gift Basket

Marie Wake-Spring Basket

Lisa Goodlad-The Ecology Center Basket

Congratulations to all who went home with impressive prizes.

Thank you to all who contributed by donating items and purchasing raffle tickets.

A special heart felt thank you to the wonderful ticket sellers **Vicky Adams-Cuccia, Lynn Jax** and **Sharon Stephens**.

-Polly J. Parkey Raffle Committee



Time to Renew Your Membership

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE occurs in April and May. The Membership Table will be set up at the back of Tankersley Hall near the kitchen and ready to accept your renewal. Please come prepared to renew your membership at the April 12 meeting.

ALL MEMBERS must **RENEW** for the next year; the full year membership is valid from September 2025 through May 2026. Applications will be available at the April 11 meeting.

Payment Choices:

Dues = **\$70** paid by Credit Card (at a meeting or on our website) or \$5 discount if paid by **Check** or **CASH**.

Checks made payable to: **Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc.**

To ensure your name appears in next year's Membership Book, payment must be received by **June 1, 2025**.

Complete the bottom portion of the application – PLEASE!

You can renew:

- at the next two meetings (April 11 or May 8)
- on our website www.LagunaBeachGardenClub.org
(Members Only section – Password: poppy – all lower case)
- use USPS and mail it directly to me at Lynn Jax 456 Cress St, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Consider making an extra donation with your renewal. Donations are tax deductible, to extent allowed by law, help the Club offset costs, and fund our great projects, which include: school gardens, scholarships for LBHS seniors and students enrolled in the Horticulture Department at Saddleback College, and our beautification community projects, like our beautiful bee mural, “The Good of the Hive”.

See the application below for more details.

Please feel free to contact me at any time via email lynnmjax@icloud.com or cell: 949-294-1500.

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