



Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



APRIL 2022
MEMBER NEWS

Education in the Garden

*Spring is nature's way of saying,
'Let's party!'* —Robin Williams

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Ahhh Spring! Even though we have had up & down weather these past few weeks, spring and summer are in clear sight and it is time to hit the gardening stores and do what we do best... buy plants.

I don't know about you, but I tend to buy the same 8-10 plants, so when I saw this article in the *Garden Design* newsletter, it made me rethink my decision making process (when it comes to plants that is).

Another way to get some great ideas for your garden is to attend

our *Gate & Garden Tour* to check out the planting ideas in the nine wonderful gardens. Happy planting.

https://www.gardendesign.com/ideas/planting.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Planting-Ideas-3-31-22



COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting April 8

Valeria Brinker

Valeria will share with us the joy of Ikebana the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging.

Laguna Presbyterian Church • 9:30 am social • 10:00 am meeting (see page 3)



Recognition Award Nominations

Due April 18 (see page 13)

Photo Contest Entries Due April 29

(see page 10)



President's Message

Sharing Our Accomplishments & Talents

Dear Members,

Congratulations Club Members!
As a club, our recovery from Covid seems near complete:

- We've been meeting in person for months.
- Last month, we had our first meeting without masks.
- In March our membership numbers once again reached 200.
- Our other events have 15 to 20 members attending as in the past.
- Also, the *Gate & Garden Tour* planning is well underway. More than 390 tickets have been sold so far.
- Lastly, in recent months we have given \$10,000 to the Hortense Miller Garden and Library and \$4000 in Laguna Beach High School Scholarships. We funded a Pollinator Garden in Heisler Park. At our April meeting you'll learn about money we have pledged to El Morro Elementary, Top of the World Elementary and Thurston Middle School Gardens and to a new pollinator garden at Bluebird Park.

Your Board has been working tirelessly to keep our club viable and strong during this time and we are thrilled and happy to be in this place with all of you.

As you all know, we do many wonderful things together as a club and we do many great things for the town of Laguna Beach. My question for each of you at this busy time of year, is **What have you done for the Garden Club lately?** Here are just a few thoughts: Renew your membership, volunteer for the Gate and Garden Tour, become a Board Member, volunteer to be a Special Administrator, become Community Projects Chairperson donate a Raffle prize, donate money. Still not sure how to be involved, just ask me for ideas, or **Lynn Jax** or **Susan Denton**.



Tripp is loving life and especially his green ball. He is very reluctant to let it out of his mouth and it is too big for his mouth so the whole thing is hilarious. Tripp has been a regular visitor with us at a skilled nursing facility when we visit a friend. Staff and patients alike are in love with him. He lifts spirits.

My garden is happy, and my favorite plant right now looks



very much like our club pelargonium. Here's a photo for you to enjoy. I've been recycling organic waste here in Laguna Woods and it is going quite well. I hope that all of you who have the opportunity take advantage to help reduce methane gas in landfills.

Happy Spring and all my best.
I look forward to seeing at our April 8 meeting.

Mariann



April Speaker

Valeria Brinker will show us how Ikebana brings out the inner qualities of flowers & other live materials to express emotion

Joyful Flowers via Ikebana is the theme of the April 8 guest speaker. **Valeria Brinker**, professor of the Ikebana Sangetsu School and former President of the Ikebana International Los Angeles will share her expertise of this ancient art of flower arranging.

Brinker received her Jyo-Kyoju title in 1993 from the headquarters of the Sogetsu School in Japan. Last year she was one of the speakers of the North Dakota University Master Gardeners 2020 Virtual Conference. She teaches in Torrance and San Diego.

Ikebana is the art of Japanese flower arrangement that embraces utilizing flowers, branches and leaves to evoke a minimalist sense of balance and form. This art form originated sometime in the 6th century with the introduction of Buddhism to Japan by Chinese missionaries. The style prioritizes five main

points in addition to following the natural growth of branches and flowers used: arrange flowers naturally, arrange flowers quickly, as if you were painting a picture, arrange flowers in harmony, arrange flowers with joy.



2022 Gate & Garden Tour

Our Spectacular Garden Tour is Right Around the Corner!

By now if you are not aware that the 17th Annual **Gate & Garden Tour** is happening on **Saturday, May 7, 2022**, from 10-4PM, then all our 100's of attempts to inform you have failed miserably! But all kidding aside, the tour has shaped up nicely and will be as always, a joy for all who attend or participate in any form.

Due to the increasing popularity of the tour over the last few years, we have garnered much media attention and wonderful sponsors along the way. We continue to build on the success that **Nancy Englund** began building over the years and have added new twists to adapt and keep pace with trends in garden tourism. This is the club's major fundraiser and it enables us to do all the incredible work that we are able to achieve through out the community.

Dana Point Nursery along with our other major sponsors **Team Laguna Luxury Real Estate, Dani Purcell and The Laguna Beach County Water District** are the most generous and helpful partners we could possible have in this event! The raffle is always fantastic, but this year, our very own **Lynn Jax** has outdone herself by having a grand prize that is beyond spectacular.

Drum roll please! **Dana Point Nursery** has donated a weekend at the spectacular San Ysidro Ranch in Santa Barbara which will be in a special raffle the day of the tour. That is in addition to their usual over-the-top basket arrangement plus a gift card to the nursery.

In addition to this breathtaking grand prize there is something for everyone in this raffle. There is a wine tasting for 20 donated by **Total Wine and More!** Now that we are not in lock down, what could be better than getting a party together for a wine tasting! If you are an art fan, we have a beautiful donation from Laguna's own **Marlo Bartels** and an amazing

photograph on metal taken at Lotusland by Laguna Beach Garden Club member and award winning photographer, **Diane Lamboley**. How about rounding up 12 of your friends for a private tour of **Sherman Gardens**? You will be the queen of the coffee klatch with that prize! Perhaps you are a woman after my own heart, and you are a jewelry fan. If so, you can drop your raffle tickets in the bag for the certificate from **Rock Martin Jewelers** or the special collection from our own **Cookie Lee**. For the gardeners out there Lynn has put together a spectacular gardeners delight basket with items from **Coast Hardware** and so much more.

You do not need to be present at the time that the raffle winners are chosen, so feel free to get your friends and neighbors who might not be attending the tour to purchase tickets. Raffle tickets will be on sale on tour day at Garden #1 as well as near the full display of the items at the Laguna Beach Water District. After visiting registration take a stroll over to see Lynn and get a look at all the unbelievable raffle items that she has curated for our pleasure. Lynn has earned her title as Raffle Queen!

<https://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org/events/gate-garden-tour/>



The Gate & Garden Tour Raffle Items Are Amazing

Many of you have been busy bees obtaining raffle items to add to the array of items we will offer at the Gate & Garden Tour Raffle on Saturday, May 7.

I can always use more items. Please see the Merchant Raffle Donation Request Letter below this article. The deadline to get item to me is Saturday, April 23.

I need time to organize and create signs. *~ Lynn Jax, Raffle Administrator*

Here is a preliminary list of what we have amassed so far:

- Coast Hardware – outdoor mat & garden watering cans
- Laguna Iguana – 3-D prickly pear metal sculpture
- Fawn Memories – beach bag & sun hat
- Fresh Produce Clothing – gift certificate
- Pearl Edwards Beach – beach/patio umbrella + book
- Duet – accessories
- Louise's Place – garment
- Mae Ho – 3-tiered metal corner shelf w/DIY Succulent container items
- Sherman Gardens – docent lead tour for 12
- Pure Pilates Laguna Niguel-2 weeks of lessons
- Jeanne Yale – succulent wreath
- Cookie Lee – jewelry collection pieces
- 8 Garden Club members — a fabulous basket of goodies
- Rock Martin Jewelry – gift certificate
- Plant Depot – arrangement
- Hobie's – gift certificate
- Tuvalu – gift certificate
- Total Wine & More – gift certificate for wine tasting for 20
- Scott Moore – lithograph
- Marlo Bartels – ceramic-tiled planter, complete with plants
- Diane Lamboley Images – photograph on metal
- Alessa's Restaurant – gift certificates
- Rumari Italian Restaurant – gift certificates
- USS Midway Museum, San Diego – Family 4 Pack Tour
- Dana Point Nursery – Special Raffle display + Premier basket w/gift card & surprise
- Bowling – 2 lanes for party of 10
- David Kizziar – art print
- Splashes at Surf & Sand Resort – 3 course meal for 2
- Bianchi – Wine Tasting for 4
- Barbara Bond – stained glass heart





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.

Jeanne Yale Makes Wreath Magic at Hortense Miller's Home

On March 18 eight Garden Club members and two guests participated in a workshop, taught by **Jeanne Yale**, to create succulent wreaths. **Diane Lannon**, President of the *Hortense Miller Garden (HMG)* graciously offered the beautiful setting for all of us to have the space and shade we needed to create our very own living wreaths to take home. Diane took us on a tour of the mid-century home and showed us succulent planters that will hang along an interior fence near one of the bathrooms. In preparation for the HMG Open House, scheduled for the following weekend, many volunteers have spent hours sprucing up the garden. If you have not visited the property, please plan to do so. They can always use garden volunteers and/or docents to lead tours. If interested contact Diane Lannon via email: diane.lannon@gmail.com

Jeanne supplied the wreath making materials and participants provided their own succulent cuttings, including extra to share. Diane also shared cuttings from HMG. Jeanne explained how

the moss was attached to the frames, offered tips on how to make them beautiful and also gave construction advice so the cuttings would stay in place. There were some very artistic and creative people in this bunch! The class brought together both new and long time members who enjoyed the creativity and building friendships.

Jeanne is self-taught and has quite a bit of experience, having led this activity for several years. She was even filmed by the Laguna Beach County Water District for an online demonstration a few years ago.



Getting Involved in Our Club

Volunteer of the Month

Sue Scott was selected as the March Volunteer of the Month. She gives her time by helping Lynn Jax with Membership & helping to set up for the general meetings. Thank you Sue for all you give to make the garden club so special!



Penny Pines Awardees

Penny Pines plantings were purchased to honor the continued efforts **Diane Lannon** and **Carolyn Bent** have made on behalf of the Garden Club. Thank you ladies!



March Centerpiece

Maggie Owens wowed the members with her spectacular tablescape at our March meeting. Her combination of green plants and Irish trinkets was a feast for the eye with the vivid color and range of textures. We are very lucky to have Maggie "O'Owens" as our magical centerpiece lady.



Name Tag Wearer

Lynn Pries was selected as the member "caught" wearing her name tag at the meeting.



LBGC Open Gardens Happy Hour

On March 25, approximately 30+ garden club members accepted the invitation of hospitality to **Cathy Bosko's** garden and home in Laguna Niguel, overlooking the Saddleback Valley. Cathy was a member of the Garden Club for many years and then she and her husband moved to North Carolina to see what living on the East Coast was like. But when a home became available in a spot where they have always wanted to live, they snapped it up and returned home to south Orange County. They have recently finished a landscaping upgrade of their gardens, and we were the lucky ones to see how they incorporated garden art into large and small scenes. The view of Saddleback Mountain and valley below is stunning. In Spanish their street name literally means "sunrise," Sonrisa. Since they are early risers they often take full advantage of the gorgeous pink and orange hues that nature offers them.

Thank you Cathy and Mark Bosko for inviting the garden club to your garden.



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



Garden Club Members in Action

Laguna Beach celebrated **Arbor Day** on March 7 in Bluebird Park. Our March guest speaker Matthew Barker represented the city and guided a group of eager children who planted a new tree in the park. **LBGC** hosted a booth about the club and an art table for children. Members **Ruben Flores, Karen Nelson, Marianne Keenan, Nancy Englund, Janet Chance** and **Carolyn Bent** spent the day enjoying the sunshine and the celebration of nature.



Two of the highlights at our monthly meetings are the LBGC Swag Table and the Plant Table. **Elaine Davis** and **Norman Powell** spent countless hours stocking and maintaining the inventory. Make sure you arrive at the April 8 meeting to check out the newest offerings at each spot.

Ten people needed for the “Plant No Idea Team” on Monday, May 2

Ten volunteers are needed to help out on the “Plant No Idea” team to leave stone plant markers in the nine Gate & Garden Tour gardens. Seriously, you do not need knowledge of plant names. **Ruben Flores** knows it all. You need to carry and write on rocks, have good penmanship and a sense of humor. And this year, common names only so no “*ad infernum cum latinis nominibus*”. One full day of work and you get to see all the gardens. This is a great opportunity to learn plant names and to make friends. If we don’t finish on Monday, we will finish up on Wednesday, May 4.

Contact Nancy Englund to volunteer. NancyEnglund@icloud.com

Member Recognition Awards

DEADLINE APRIL 18

Recognizing each other's efforts shows our appreciation towards our own, and to those who are acknowledged by fellow club members for their spirit of volunteerism, makes this award of distinguished merit mean so much more.

Now is the time to put those observations about your fellow club members on paper and submit to Lynn Jax. You may nominate more than one person in any of the categories. **The nomination form appears on the next page & will be available at the April 8 meeting. Forms are also available on our website:**

www.LagunaBeachGardenClub.org under Members Only.

Please use a separate form for each category. Since this Nomination period represents the last three years, you can seek far and wide in your memory for anyone who may have fit any category. Any new member who joined in 2019 through now is eligible for Rookie of Year. Note the Recognition Awards were not presented in 2020 or 2021.

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

You can turn in the Nomination form:

- at April 8 meeting
- mail to Lynn Jax – 456 Cress Street, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
- via email to jax@cox.net

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

Time To Renew Membership

Please come prepared to renew your membership at the April 8 meeting. Every year all members need to renew for the next year; the full year membership is valid from September 2022 through May 2023.

Dues = \$65 if paid by CHECK or CASH. \$70 if paid by CREDIT CARD at a meeting or on our website. 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 15, 2022. The bottom portion of the application must be completed. Application is on page 12.

You can renew:

- at the next two meetings (April 8 or May 13)
- on our website www.LagunaBeachGardenClub.org (Members Only section – Password: poppy — all lower case)
- use USPS and mail it directly to Lynn Jax at 456 Cress St, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

And consider making a tax-deductible donation with your renewal. See the application below for more details.

Lynn Jax, Director of Membership

Member Recognition Awards



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

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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: _____



LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB, INC. 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ Returning

☐ Lifetime

☐ New

☐ Rejoining _____ Year Joined

- 🌱 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 obtained on our website for \$70: LagunaBeachGardenClub.org
- 🌱 Please consider making a tax-deductible donation in addition to membership dues. Donations of \$25 or more will be recognized on the **Wall of Fame** in our newsletter, membership book and website. Donations can offset some of our expenses or can be earmarked for community projects, scholarships, school gardens, etc.
- 🌱 All donations are tax deductible and much appreciated.

You do not need to fill out your personal information unless it has changed

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

This Area **MUST be filled out completely**

NAME _____ DATE _____

Your application is considered a photo release, giving Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. permission to use any photos taken at club functions.

Signature _____

Total amount Paid _____ Dues _____ Donation _____

Cash _____ Check _____ Check # _____ Credit Card _____

I can help LBGC with: _____

Laguna Beach Garden Club

Gate & Garden Tour

of North Laguna



Saturday, May 7, 2022
Entry times at 10, 11, 12, 1 & 2

Starts at
Laguna Beach County Water District
306 Third Street, Laguna Beach

Tickets: \$60 "Early Bird" \$65 after 5/2

Visit beautifully curated gardens that capture the imagination as you stroll through this iconic Laguna Beach neighborhood. Our legendary artisanal Margaritas & Mexican food will be available at the Water District, where a shuttle will transport you to the first garden and return you once you have completed the tour.

Tickets will have a designated entry time to allow for social distancing, and all mandated COVID precautions will be observed.



Buy tickets at: **LagunaBeachGardenClub.org**
And at: **Dana Point Nursery** 34100 PCH, Dana Point

Provides local school gardens, scholarships, and community education & beautification projects
Laguna Beach Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Tax ID# 13-1237592



We are happy to announce
the slate of nominees for
the
**2022-2023 LBGC
Board of Directors**
*Voting will take place at the
April 8 meeting*

As stated in the by-laws, "the board
shall be elected by the membership
at the general meeting in April"

The Slate of Nominees

President – Janet Chance

Vice President – Jane Leary &
Nancy England

Recording Secretary – Gay
Redcay

Financial Secretary – Patty
Gaffney

Co-Treasurers - Brian Jones &
Mary Jones

**Co-Directors of the Gate &
Garden Tour** – Susan Denton
& Karen Nelson

Director of Membership –
Lynn Jax

Director of Ways & Means –
Diane Groh

Director of Media & Publicity
– Karen Nelson

Director of Website – Kari
Nies

Past President-
Marianne Keenan



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