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MEMBER NEWS

"What is Christmas? It's tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future." -Deborah Whipp

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Succulents and *Debra Lee Baldwin* are ubiquitous to Laguna Beach Garden Club. The latest article on her website features several ideas for Christmas decor using her favorite plants, succulents. Have some fun incorporating some of her festive ideas in your holiday decor.

Merry Christmas and wishing everyone a wonderful New Year of gardening ahead!

<https://debraleebaldwin.com/design/six-new-holiday-designs-to-inspire-you/>



Design and photo by Debra Lee Baldwin

COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting Dec. 10

Tom Carruth

The Lost Spring of 2020

Laguna Presbyterian Church
(see page 3)



- 9:30 am social
- 10:00 am meeting

Trips & Tours Dec. 10

Members' Holiday Tour

Join us as we visit two members' homes that have been decorated for the holiday season.



President's Message

Food, Family & Friends, The Holidays Continue!

Dear Members,

Happy December!!! I hope you each had a happy Thanksgiving and that you are starting preparations for whatever holiday you celebrate at this time of year.

Starting with Thanksgiving and through the end of the year, I like to donate regularly to the **Laguna Food Pantry**. I will be happy to drop any donations members bring to our meeting at the Pantry on my way home following the meeting. The Laguna Food Pantry welcomes your excess fresh produce and always canned goods and boxed foods.

I am so excited for our December meeting and the *Holiday Open Garden Happy Hour* that follows where we can share some holiday spirit. Please remember that masks are required at all times while inside the homes of **Pam Bisson** and **Sue Field** and also while inside Tankersly Hall for our meeting.

Much of my front garden is a shade succulent garden. It is thriving with cooler temperatures and less intense sunlight. I will have many cuttings to share at the plant table come Friday, December 10 when we meet again. I enjoy



watering less frequently during this time as well. Of course, the opposite is true for anything growing inside. The air from the heater is warm and dry. That means more water for indoor plants. The Thanksgiving cactus was glorious this year.



Bob and I are traveling to Arizona to spend Christmas with family including 4 of our 6 grandchildren. We are so excited. Meanwhile, Tripp is already an early gift.



May your blessings be many and your troubles few. I send you all my very best regards and wishes,
Mariann

Laguna Food Pantry

Members and guests may bring canned goods and boxed foods to our meeting to help support those in need. Fresh produce is always welcome too. Click on this link for the 20 items food banks need most.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/article/20-items-your-food-bank-needs-the-most/>



December Speaker Tom Carruth Will Share His Rosy Career & Tips On His Favorite Flower

Tom Carruth is an American award-winning rose hybridizer, who has created more than 100 rose varieties, including eleven All-America Rose Selections. He is currently the E.L. and Ruth B. Shannon Curator of the Rose Collections at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. Click [here](#) to read the article from the 2020 American Rose Annual about what he is doing to restore the roses in The Hunting Library Gardens.

Decide early, work hard, get lucky and then enjoy an amazing career is an apt description of Tom Carruth's success as a rose hybridizer and world respected rose authority.

Tom, a native Texan and graduate of Texas A & M (with a masters degree in plant breeding), got his first job with Bill Warriner at Jackson & Perkins (J&P) in Tustin, California, in 1975. At that time, J&P was the most famous rose nursery in the US. He worked with this firm for three and a half years before moving to Armstrong, a well-known nursery that produces all kinds of plants in addition to roses. Here he worked under Herbert Swim and Jack Christensen. After seven and a half years, he

left to become a salesman for Weeks; he has spent eleven of his twenty-six years with the firm selling and growing roses and fifteen years hybridizing new ones.

"I fell in love with hybridizing in high school. My parents were bewildered with my interest in genetics." Tom says his father never believed that he could make a career out of breeding flowers.



He has just released a hybrid tea rose named 'Marilyn Monroe'—a creamy apricot with a deep peach center. The blowsy, fully open rose is appropriate for its namesake.

When asked what the future holds for his breeding programs, Carruth replied "variation in size, form, and fragrance is a must." He has moved into the production of roses grown on their own roots, which results in stronger and more disease-resistant plants.



He recognizes the success that David Austin has had with his many releases over the past twenty years, wedding old rose form and fragrance with reblooming characteristics.



Carruth is already planning his crosses for next year. He has large greenhouses where the seeds from last year's crosses have been planted, and many tiny plants were already appearing on the surface of the seed flats.

You won't want to miss this exciting speaker at our December 10 meeting.

Open Garden Happy Hour... A Visit to Catherine Hall's Historic San Clemente Home

On November 5, nearly one hundred Laguna Beach Garden Club members enjoyed the first Open Garden Happy Hour event in almost two years. **Catherine Hall** (past President of LBGC from 2000-02) invited us to visit her beautiful home in San



Clemente that she and her husband have been lovingly renovating and restoring for the past three years.



This special home, known as the Goldschmidt House, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. The home was built in 1928 on what was then the highest lot in all of San Clemente. The home was originally called *Casa Tres Vistas* because of the views of Saddleback and the range lands to the North, the new city and pier to the South and the ocean, Catalina Island and the bay (now Dana Point) to the West. Many of us began the tour of the home in the Round Room where Catherine told us the history of the home and the famous architect Paul Revere Williams who became the first African American member of the American Institute of Architects in 1923. He designed so many homes for celebrities that he became known as the “Architect

of the Stars”. Catherine shared her collection of books about Mr. Williams and his many celebrated projects. She shared many of her interesting stories about the trials, tribulations and joys of restoring an old home which has become their retirement “hobby”. An addition was added to the home in the 1960s designed by well-known Laguna Beach architect Chris Able. The home was in serious need of updating, and their plans and goals for any renovation are



Story and photos continue on the next page.

Open Garden Happy Hour (continued)

to ensure that the home retains its vintage appeal. Every change to update has been and will continue to be period appropriate. The restoration is very impressive and shows her and her husband's true love for the property. She says the garden is a work in progress, and I am sure, will be equally beautiful in years to come.

Catherine was such a gracious host and treated us like guests in her home. She arranged for a delicious catered taco lunch—tacos, quesadillas, & tasty guacamole with chips. Also a variety of drinks including cold beer!! She made individual veggie appetizer servings and 250 delicious homemade cookies also individually wrapped for our safety.

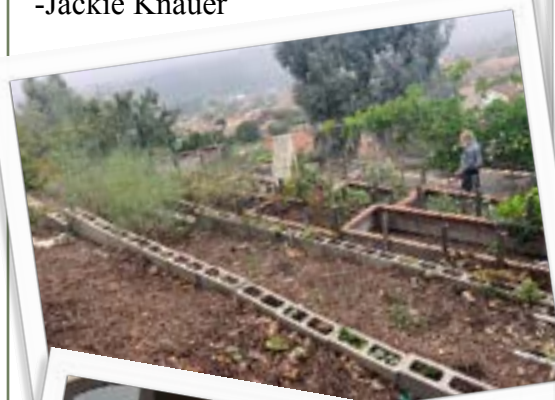
Catherine, we all really appreciate the invitation for the wonderful afternoon we spent visiting your home.

(On a personal note...My husband and I had recently

watched a PBS program titled: Hollywood's Architect: The Paul R. Williams Story. It was such an interesting story, and I am thrilled that I got to visit one of his creations. The date was 2/06/2020 on KCET)

www.pbs.org/video/hollywoods-architect

-Jackie Knauer



Flying Flowers Filled the Stage as Rene' van Rems Worked His Magic at the November Meeting



All of the arrangements Rene' made during the meeting were auctioned off to members who were excited to add them to their Thanksgiving decor.

Holiday Raffle

A very special Holiday raffle will be held at the December 10 meeting. The lucky items include:

- \$200 in Gift Cards from Laguna Coast Pottery
- Plant Depot floral arrangement
- Talavera unique design pot — donated by Lynn Jax
- Christmas Ornament of the Laguna Lifeguard Tower
- Tentacle Arts pot — donated by Mariann Keenan
- Holiday Gourd by Elaine Davis
- Mermaid art print by Nancy Englund
- Gourd – for warm bread & accompanying oils — donated by Dalynn Malek
- Hand-Painted pumpkin by Lauren Jarvis
- Jewelry: 3 necklaces & vintage pin of a peacock from New Zealand – donated by Janet Chance and Patty Gaffney
- Christmas centerpiece floral arrangement by Rosewoods Floral Creation by Krisanna Barbernell
- Succulent wreath by Jeanne Yale



We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Raffle ticket prices are **\$5 for 1 ticket** and **\$20 for 7 tickets**. Come prepared and rub that lucky penny. What a great way to do some holiday shopping for unique gifts — no driving to the crowded mall.

You can purchase tickets before the meeting and after the speaker's presentation.

Write your name **LEGIBLY** (*please*) on **ONE** portion of the ticket & place the tickets in as many bags as you wish.

The drawings will be held 10 minutes after the presentation at the close of the meeting.

Ways & Means

Aprons Ho, Ho, Ho! Our denim aprons are on their way. Santa's sewing elves are busy making doll clothes, so there is a supply chain difficulty. Thus, the aprons won't be here until January. The fabric has been cut and the pieces have gone to the embroidery shop. Pictured on the right are the fabric choices for the small pocket that is sewn onto the railroad, navy, and white pattern of the large pocket.

Do you have a special fabric you want to use for the small pocket? Bring it to the December meeting.



New Items to Sell?

We had a busy time at our table at November's meeting. Big cash and credit charges came from the auction of our speaker Rene' van Rems' floral arrangements. Among all this action, two members came up just to browse for the possibility of new items. That got me thinking. I am asking our members to suggest items they would like to see for sale at our table.

Text **Elaine Davis** at 949-510-7858 or email edavis1@cox.net

TRIPS & TOURS

Members' Homes Holiday Tour

We are looking forward to visiting two members homes and gardens for our annual Holiday Member Tour, one of the many perks of belonging to this fabulous club.

So that everyone does not arrive at the same place at the same time, we have sent out two emails previously for members to sign up for a specific time for each home/garden.

Currently the 2PM and 3PM slots at **Pam Bisson's** home in Ladera Ranch are CLOSED

[FULL]. There are still spaces available at **Sue Field's** home in Coto de Caza. Please check with Lynn Jax [Email: jax@cox.net] for availability.



Reaching Out

Penny Pines

Three members were honored at our October meeting with *Penny Pines Plantation* seedling plantings. **Susan Denton, Maggie Siegel, and Karen Nelson** were presented certificates from the US Forest Department recognizing their work for the Garden Club. Plantings in their names will be done in the Cleveland National Forest. The voluntary donations from our members supports this wonderful program.



President Mariann Keenan awards Penny Pines certificates to Susan Denton, Maggie Siegel, and Karen Nelson in October.



Members Make Our Club Special

Volunteer of the Month

Jeannine Layman name was drawn as the October Volunteer of the Month and **Cheryl Czyz** was selected as the November Volunteer of the Month. The strength of our club is the direct result of our member's donation of their time, thank you ladies for your efforts on our club's behalf!



Fall Decor Graces the Treat Table in October and November

Susan Scott's creativity got us in the Autumn spirit with her wonderful table scapes for the treat table at our first two meetings this year. We look forward to see what is in store for our December meeting!



Year End Giving And A Tax Deduction Rolled Into One

Consider a Donation to Laguna Beach Garden Club



The end of the year brings thoughts of completing shopping for Christmas gifts, planning the holiday menu, and even being fiscally responsible by ensuring your tax deductions are up to date. Before making any donation to a charitable organization, my husband and I thoroughly research it to look into how much goes to administrative costs versus the goal of the charity. Rest assured 100% of all donations to Laguna Beach Garden Club go directly to our community projects. We have no CEOs or any employees whose salaries we pay; we are entirely a volunteer service organization dedicated to “growing and giving.”

If during this Holiday season, you find it in your heart to give to the Club to help us continue our “giving” to our community by funding annual scholarships, a number of school garden programs, and community beautification and environmental projects; your generous donation would be much appreciated. And as an added bonus, you will your name “*in lights*” on the **Wall of Fame**, which is updated monthly as donations are received, and will appear on our website and in the *Weeder's Digest* (this publication), and then again when the 2022-2023 Membership Book is published. Wall of Fame categories are:

- Major: \$5000 +
- Rose: \$3000 - \$4999
- Monarch: \$1000 - \$2999
- Pelargonium: \$500 - \$999
- Poppy: \$100 - \$499
- Aloe: \$25 - \$99

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In sincere appreciation,
Lynn Jax, Donor/Sponsor Special Administrator

Laguna Beach Garden Club's Wall of Fame

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Dana Point Nursery

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Dana Point Nursery

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Aloe: \$25-\$100

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A great gift to give to your friends and family! Share the experience and make it a day of fun. Give tickets to our fabulous Gate & Garden Tour. Tickets are on sale at Eventbrite, there is a link on the LBGC website.



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