



Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



FEBRUARY 2022

MEMBER NEWS

*Celebrating Art &
Science in the Garden*

*"Gardening is the art that uses flowers & plants
as paint, and the soil & sky as a canvas."*

-Elizabeth Murray

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

I enjoy seeing the new Pantone Color of the Year to see what is trending in our visual world. For 2022 "Very Peri" the background color seen here is the "it" color. While I won't be painting my walls with this hue, I find it a soft welcoming color that hopefully will set the tone for the new year ahead.

Additionally, the website *Garden Design* has selected their plants of the year and I was introduced to some varieties I didn't know. This isn't meant to be an ad for Proven Winners, but merely a fun way to

share with you all my love of color and my addiction to interesting plants. https://www.gardendesign.com/plants-of-the-year/?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Plants-of-the-Year-2-3-22



COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting Feb. 11

Container Garden Auction

Bring your floral donation and/or bid on other members' creations. Any size, any theme is perfect! Laguna Presbyterian Church • 9:00 am floral container drop off/delivery, 9:30 am social & Auction bidding in the patio (refreshments will not be served), 10:00 am meeting indoors (see page 3).



Trips & Tours Feb. 25

Private Succulent Garden & Nursery Tour

We will visit a private garden & nursery and be able to purchase more succulents.

Sign up at the February 11 meeting

President's Message

Working Hard & Playing Hard

Dear Members,

*Happy February
Happy Valentine's Day*

My wonderful husband Bob has taken me out to dinner every Valentine's Day since we started dating in 1982. For many years the day came with an amazing bouquet of gorgeous flowers. Since retirement and my interest in gardening, Valentine's now includes a trip to the nursery and the gift of a special plant or pot or both!!



Very soon, it will be the time of year when our Board will be filling vacancies. Four or five years ago **Lynn Jax** spoke about openings on the board and asked interested

members to speak with her. I was new to the club and wanted to be more involved. Lynn and I had lunch and obviously, I became a member of our Board.



Now, several fellow Board members are close friends. We share the common goal of wanting to do that which is best for our club. Yes, we work hard, but we play hard too. Most importantly for me, I enjoy the time and effort of the Board because the *Laguna Beach Garden Club* is a wonderful club, full of talented people. People who share their talents, gifts, wisdom and time freely and generously. So please, when **Nancy Englund** or I ask you to consider volunteering for the board, please consider it sincerely and reach out to

one of us for a serious conversation. We'll even buy you lunch as Lynn did for me all those years ago.

My very first meeting as a guest was the February 2016 meeting. It was fun and I joined the same day. I'm excited to see the containers and plants many of you are bringing and equally excited to share the ones I am planning to bring. Happy planting and I'll see you soon.

Love,
Mariann

**See you at the
February 11
meeting**



The Container Garden Auction will be the Highlight of our February Meeting

This is your golden opportunity to show off your creative side and your romantic side! We invite our members to put together a beautiful planted container to be part of our silent auction. In years past we have had containers that are sweet and romantic, contemporary and elegant, to just downright adorable in their Valentine themed glory!

This event has come to mean the kickoff of the Valentine's weekend. The fun and excitement at this particular meeting each year is palpable; once you enter the auction area and see the spectacular array of planted containers, it will defy your imagination. **Elaine Davis** has worked tirelessly to make sure this year's offering will be superb.

You are invited to participate as a creator of a container, a buyer, or both! You could buy one of these beautiful creations for a loved one, a wonderful friend, a neighbor that has shown you kindness & love throughout the year, or as a special indulgence for yourself!



Make this a fun project with a friend or on your own. Think of a container that you or your friends would love to bid on and then go for it! Large, small and everything in between and the proceeds as always go towards the many great projects that our club supports.

So make a party of this event and invite your friends to this wonderful outdoor event. **The auction will be held outside so dress in something cozy.** Guests are welcome to attend, so don't leave any lonely Valentine's out there uninvited! So use this event to introduce friends and neighbors to the incredible Laguna Beach Garden Club! Cash, Credit Cards and checks will be accepted for payment.

February RAFFLE

In addition to our Valentine container silent auction, we will also have items available at the **raffle at February 11 meeting.** We have 4 raffles per year: September, December, February, and May at the Gate & Garden Tour.

We accept cash, checks, & 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 with your phone number & place the tickets in as many bags as you wish.

The drawings will be held at the close of the meeting. Winner need not be present.



CLUB NEWS



The Hortense Miller Garden wants YOU! Volunteer opportunities abound!

This hidden gem of Laguna needs your help.

We have volunteers at the garden on Wednesday & Thursday mornings from 8:30am — 11:30am. If you can join us for all or part of that time, we'd love to have you join us.

If you'd be interested in becoming a docent, you could join **Dalynn Malek, Kris Barbernell, and Janet Chance** to give one 90 minute tour of the house and garden each month. Or, you could help with publicity, writing articles about upcoming workshops and events. You could even become our Workshop Coordinator! We also need help with grant writing. There are many ways to help. Depending on how much time you have, as little as a couple hours a month can help.

It's a fun group of men and women that tend to the 1958 Historic Mid-Century Modern home and 2.5 acre hillside wild garden. If you haven't visited yet, book a tour to check it out at www.LagunaBeachCity.net

Upcoming events at the Garden: Reservations required for all.

Saturday, February 26 at 10am - **Meditation Workshop** with Lori Kahn

Saturday, March 5 at 10am – **Garden Art Beading Workshop**

Saturday, March 12 at 8am – **Birding Tour** with Ralph & Debbie Sugg

For more info contact Diane Lannon at HortenseMillerFriends@gmail.com or sign up at the back table with Diane at the February meeting.



In The Community

Composting Confusion?

California's new law, taking place January 1, 2022, mandates that food waste stay out of landfills. Some areas are ahead of others in providing bins in which food waste can be added.

Here's a link from an article in the *LA Times* January 29, 2022, edition. Hope it helps.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-30/recycle-food-scraps-trash-california-compost-law>



In January Our Thumbs Were White (with flour)

Because Diane Lannon's scones are legendary with club members, on Friday, January 21, six club members met in her kitchen to make scones and later on her patio to share our finished products. Diane had two different recipes available for us to use: her friend Rosie's recipe and one from another baking phenom in the club, Susan Denton. Both recipes are included in this newsletter.

We donned our aprons; Diane demonstrated first then we worked in pairs, each making our own recipe. Diane was well-prepared for us all and had all the ingredients arranged on a side counter. Many of us chose to try our hands (believe me our hands were encrusted in butter & flour by the end) at making Gluten-Free scones. Diane had 2 wide, shallow wooden bowls for us to use, which made

it easier to use our fingers to incorporate the butter and flour mixture into pea-sizes. One of us took advantage of using Diane's stand-mixer, resulting in no batter under her fingernails to clean out.

Each of us shared a segment of our finished product after the baking was finished. Diane made Devonshire Cream for us to add to our scones in addition to the extra butter, jam, and lemon curd set out on the patio table along with coffee and tea. We all left with yummy scones to take home and share with our families. All the best combinations of ingredients were available from which for us to choose.

Kudos to Diane for hosting this successful event.

Submitted by: Lynn Jax



February Trips & Tours Visited “Orangey” Places

Thank you to everyone who joined us this month on our adventure! We took the group to a well-known area that several club members had never been despite living in Orange County for many years. We went to the Orange Circle to visit three very different venues. We bought plenty of plants and tchotchkes, we visited with club members we didn't really know, and we had a great lunch at Rutabegorz.

I want to point out to Club members that two of the stores have workshops (fairy gardens, terrariums, and moss ball building are among the

offerings), which may be of interest. Simply go to their websites and look for them. They are enormously popular; if you see one you like, enroll quickly!

tpshomeandgarden.com

dragonflyshopsandgardens.com

Please join us **February 25, 2022**, for a visit to local private succulent garden/nursery for a tour and to purchase more plants that you probably don't need. Look for the signup sheet at the February 11 meeting. -*Synthia Scofield*



Past President Nancy Englund Presents: Board Openings



I joined the club in 2003. I jumped right in and offered to lead a Green Thumb class and pretty soon agreed to manage Green Thumb activities and started attending board meetings. It has been my pleasure to serve on the board, in one position or another, since 2004. The garden club board meets monthly to plan general meetings and steer the club. Board meetings are open to all club members. If you are interested in serving the club, there are several positions opening up next year. We are looking for a new **Recording Secretary** to write the minutes for board meetings, a new **Vice President**, to arrange for speakers and so much more, and a new **Ways & Means Director**, to organize and manage fundraising for the club. Please contact Nancy Englund for more information.

Gate & Garden Tour Tickets

*Special Sale
for Club Members only!*

Buy your **Tour** tickets at the Feb. 11 meeting

\$50 (cash/check only)

Regular prices: \$60 "Early Bird" \$65 after 4/30

Sale exclusively for LBGC members!

That's a savings of \$15.28! (Online & CC tickets include a \$5.28 fee)

Tour is Saturday, May 7, 2022

Community Projects Committee Chair Needed

Laguna Beach Garden Club has set aside funds in an account earmarked for Special Projects so that we can offer grants that enable projects to come to enhance our community. Our mission statement is “*Laguna Beach Garden Club is a service organization, committed to the advancement of gardening, horticulture, ecology, and conservation through education and participation in related community projects.*”

We are currently looking for a committee chair for the Special Projects Committee. The committee meets as needed; previously they met once a month or every other month when one of the members had information to report about a specific project she/he had been researching. Projects have been brought to the attention of the committee through various means: often a club member has an idea of something the Club could remedy; organizations contacted the Club regarding possible funding; a committee member's research brings a project forward. Because of COVID, the committee ceased meeting in March of 2020. Chaired by Jorja Puma, the committee members included: Ora Sterling, Janet Chance, Nancy Englund, and Rosemary McDonald; all are passionate about projects in the city that LBGC can sponsor.

Up to this point, some of the projects include: two water bottle-filling stations, pollinator garden in Heisler Park, funds to offset costs of rehabilitating several trails at Hortense Miller Garden. Other projects on the drawing board are: a second pollinator garden located in Bluebird Park; Boys & Girls Club “New Dream Play Yard” (raised gardens & greenhouse); school garden at Laguna Beach High School; assist in rehabilitating Jahraus Park (across from the Laguna Art Museum), & more bottle-filling stations in the city.

As a member of the Special Projects Committee, the chair will:

- Oversee the committee meetings
- Distribute & receive “grant request” forms from applicants
- Send “grant request” (after committee discussion) to LBGC Board for presentation
- Attend the board meeting to answer possible questions from board members at the presentation meeting
- Attend possible

meetings with members of City Council, Water District, or other entities involved in a project

If you are interested in: chairing this committee or joining this committee, please contact Lynn Jax at jax@cox.net.

We are looking to fill this position **ASAP**.



Getting Involved

Patriots Day Parade

Calling all Garden Club members for the lifetime experience of marching in our **Patriots Day Parade** and showing off what a force we are for the community of Laguna Beach. Remember, marching with our club is camaraderie, fun, and all downhill!

Check your calendars and sign up at the February meeting.

When: Saturday, March 5

Where: Laguna Beach HS Parking lot on Park Ave.

Time: 10 am arrival. Please be prompt as the Parade starts at 11 am.

Dress: Comfy shoes, blue jeans, white top, Garden Club apron, decorated hat with flowers

Comfort: Water, sunblock, tissue, phone if desired, lipstick with color, sun glasses.

Parking: Park in a neighborhood to avoid meters. The parade ends at city hall.

Parade Participation Opportunities:

Garden Club banner carrier (2 people)

Garden Tour banner carrier (2 people)

“Rakettes” (drill team that will learn an easy drill)

Ladybug spinners (5 people)

LBGC signboard carriers (7)

Lots more members to pass out Garden Tour postcards and wave to the crowd!

Everyone please participate! The more the merrier! Let's show our community all that we do and all of our spirit!

For questions, contact Diane Klope:

klope@cox.net, 949-497-1866, cell 949-280-4568



Volunteer of the Month

Pam Bisson was selected as the January *Volunteer of the Month*. Pam has been a tireless volunteer for LBGC since she joined in 2013. She works with a small but mighty team to assist the Vice President each month by setting up the meeting room and packing it up at the end of the morning. She also has sold numerous raffle tickets at meetings and at the Gate & Garden Tour. It is hard to resist her smiling face when she approaches a prospective raffle ticket buyer. Pam opened up her home in December and welcomed our members for the Holiday Open House. Thank you Pam for all you do!



Name Tag Wearer Winner

Jane Barnes was “caught” wearing her name tag at the January meeting and she received this lovely throw as a prize.



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 on the next page and is on the website. You may nominate more than one person in any of the categories.

Feel free to contact Lynn Jax with any questions or clarification: 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: _____

**Wall of Fame
2021-2022 – Donors**

Major Donor: \$5000+
Weier Family
Foundation

Rose: \$3000-\$4999

Monarch: \$1000-\$2999
Anonymous
Joe Smisko
Mariella Simon
Mae Ho

Pelargonium: \$500-\$999
Joyce & Sandy [Smith]
Conway
Linda Moore

Poppy: \$100-\$499
Leigh Bell
Carolyn, Bent
Inge Bunn
Janet Chance
Blair Contratto
Harriette Craig-
Neghabat
Cheryl Czyz
Dean Day
Nancy Englund
Ruben Flores
Janene Freitas
Patty Gaffney
Catherine Hall
Brian & Mary Jones
Lynn Jax
Mariann Keenan
Robert Keenan
Diane Kloke
Diane Lannon
Chris Lutz
Dalynn Malek
Norman Powell
Shelby Rigg
Mary Sanchez
Synthia Scofield
Ruth Stafford
Dana Victorson

Emille Villa
Bruce Wakefield
Blythe Wheaton
Gayle Whitaker
Jeanne Yale

Aloe: \$25-\$99
Jeri Bailey
Carla Beddome
Elizabeth Blackburn
Cristy Brenner
Anne Caenn
Etta Cannon
Patricia Carpenter
ElizaBeth Chapel
Barbara Crane
Nancy Daudistel
Lecia Davis
JoAnn DeYonker
Polly Dix
Susan Ferrari
Pam Hagen
George Heed
Tom Hensel
Linda Homscheid
Harry Huggins
Linda Humes
Jacqueline Knauer
Elizabeth Kramer
Pam Lask
Jeannine Layman
Vernetta Lieb
Kathy Marconi
Peggi McDonald
Linda Middlebrooks
Dale Palas
Melinda Payson
Lynn Pries
Gay Redcay
Perry Stampfel
Gayle Waite
Patricia Weier
Shari Yamamoto

**Wall of Fame
2021-2022 – Sponsors**

Rose: \$3000-\$4999
Team Laguna Real
Estate

Monarch: \$1000-\$2999
Laguna Nursery/Vision
Scape
Mariann Keenan
Mike Johnson Group –
Company
Nelson Family
The Smith Group
Coldwell Banker Realty
Whole Foods Market

Pelargonium: \$500-\$999
Susan Denton
Mariann Keenan
Plant Depot

Poppy: \$100-\$499
Team Laguna Real
Estate

**Wall of Fame -
2021-2022– In-Kind
Donors**
(goods or services)

Rose: \$3000-\$4999
Dana Point Nursery

Monarch: \$1000-\$2999
Dana Point Nursery

Pelargonium: \$500-\$999
Jesse Bartels
Marlo Bartels
Thomas Cloutier
The Laguna Beach Dojo
Laguna Coast Pottery
Madeleine McLendon
Lori Nayeshalski
Diane Olson
The Ranch at Laguna
Beach
Tentacle Arts
Total Wine & More

Poppy: \$100-\$499
Krisanna Barbernell
Janet Chance

Coast Hardware
Elaine Davis
Nancy Englund
Patty Gaffney
Gem Mountain Studios
Fresh Produce Clothes
Haven of Laguna
Lynn Jax
Lauren Jarvis
Mariann Keenan
David Kizziar
Laguna Candles
Laguna Iguana
Chris Lutz
Madeleine McLendon
Dalynn Malek
Lori Nayeshalski
OC Succulents
Plant Depot
Rock Martin Jewelry
Roger's Gardens
Roger Taft
Jeanne Yale

Aloe: \$25-\$100
Fawn Memories
Lumberyard Restaurant
Temecula Olive Oil
Company



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