



Laguna Beach Garden Club Weeder's Digest



NOVEMBER 2023

MEMBER NEWS

Cultivating Delight through
Gardening & Community Service

*"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is
to let things go."* -Unknown

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Fall is a time for gathering with friends & loved ones to celebrate the harvest. While not all of us grow our own fruits & vegetables, we can all take some time to reflect on how rich our lives are because of the time we have taken to cultivate relationships with people. The Garden Club is one of the best places I know to gather more friends and share experiences.

While Fall is a wonderful time, gardeners always need to have an eye on the future. Fall is the time to plant bulbs for a

garden full of beautiful spring blooms. This link gives suggestions for bulbs to choose & a planting guide to grow them. So enjoy this time and get ready for the future.

https://www.bhg.com/gardening/flowers/bulbs/planting-charts-for-spring-flowering-bulbs/?hid=f961369289fe90d4bfadfae7bae95f66b64487a9&did=10610981-20231012&utm_campaign=bhg-get-growing_newsletter&utm_source=bhg&utm_medium=email&utm_content=101223&lctg=f96136

COME JOIN IN
THE FUN

Events This Month

General Meeting Nov. 10

Jessica Viola

Permaculture—Your Garden as a Place for Living.
(see page 3)

9:30 am:
Social/
Plant Table
in the patio

10:00 am:
General
meeting &
guest
speaker.



Green Thumb Craft Nov 17

iPhone Photography class with Mary Hurlburt 9:30-11:30 - class is full. Jeanne Yale will send a reminder to those who have signed up.

Next Green Thumb Craft- Jan. 26th

Trips & Tours

Check out the Trips & Tours 2023-2024 Line -Up of adventures on page 6



Delighted and Grateful



What will bring you delight in November? Likely spending time with friends and family over the Thanksgiving dinner table is on your list. What are you grateful for? I'm grateful to be a member of a caring Club, spreading delight and support to our very own Laguna Food Pantry to help those in need.



The mission of the Food Pantry is to serve our neighbors in need by providing free, nutritious groceries and connecting them to resources to improve their lives. Their vision is an Orange County community where families in need have nutritious food and live healthier and improved lives with the belief that no one should go hungry. **Each of you help make this happen!**

It's my delight to deliver the egg cartons to the Food Pantry each month that you bring to our membership meeting. Last week I had the help of the Pantry's Executive Director, **Anne Belyea**



unloading my trunk! Seeing her face light up as she removed the 126 cartons filled me with delight. The running total Sept-Oct is 307, saving them about \$140.

For our November 10 meeting in addition to your empty egg cartons, please bring healthy and nutritious food for donation to the Pantry. Better yet, bring an old-fashioned check allowing them to purchase even more food at discounted, wholesale prices! Plus the checks fit into my "little red pony" easier 🐾

I'll deliver the checks, egg cartons and food to the Pantry personally and you'll receive a letter for your monetary donation from the Pantry for your taxes. Everyone wins!

And don't forget to share with me what brings you delight. For me it's each and every one of you, who cultivate delight through gardening and community service.

-Jane Leary

*Cultivating Delight
through Gardening &
Community Service*

We believe no one should go hungry.



SEEKING YOUR DONATION

THE PANTRY'S BIG 7

- Canned Proteins***
Tuna | Salmon | Chicken | Beans
- Breakfast Cereal***
- Peanut Butter**
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce**
- Rice**
- Dried Beans**
- Soup**

**Most requested items*

THANK YOU!

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November Meeting

Permaculture—Your Garden as a Place for Living

Jessica Viola, founder and owner of Viola Garden Designs, Viola Garden Builds, and Viola Living Jewels, will be the featured speaker at the Laguna Beach Garden Club's

November 10th meeting.

Her topic,

“Permaculture—Your Garden as a Place for Living”, will address landscape design based on regenerative, whole-system solutions and artistic vision. Her approach to gardens is integrative and holistic, fostering a deeper relationship between mother nature and human nature.

Jessica began her practice in landscape construction, habitat restoration, environmental design and organic gardening in 1999. She received her certification in Earth Architecture from the Cal-Earth Institute, and her teacher-training certificate in Permaculture and Ecological Design from Earthflow and the Permaculture Institute in New Mexico. Jessica teaches permaculture and hosts workshops throughout Southern California. She says that her heart has always been

with the Earth, and when she found the field of Permaculture it changed her life. The system spoke to her, integrating a holistic approach to landscape design, as well as gardening.



Her goal is to find a sustainable and ecologically sound way of employing time-tested approaches to garden design, landscape architecture and construction within a modern context. Throughout the years Jessica has cultivated a diverse portfolio of regenerative hardscape solutions and creative drought tolerant and native plant palettes that she will share during her presentation.

Jessica's work has been featured in *Sunset*, *Jenna Cooper LA*, *Luxe Source*, *Voyage LA*, *Bright Young Things*. She was a 2023 Pacific Design Center Star of Design Nominee for Landscape Architecture.

Please join us on Friday November 10th at 9:30 a.m. for social time and refreshments. The meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please do not use the Laguna Beach Presbyterian Church parking lot; street parking is available.



Glasswing Butterfly- while **not** rare as a species, is one of very few land based animals that have successfully mastered the act of transparency.

Hortense Miller Garden Updates



The current photography exhibit in the Aviary Gallery: *We All Get Along*

The current exhibit was inspired by Hortense Miller's love for wildlife. She wrote often of its behavior, and how it makes a garden more interesting. Hortense respected wildlife because it knew how to share, how to get along. Observation informed her thoughts and writings for decades. She truly loved the garden home she created for wildlife to live freely, and to stay wild. "The shine on the raven's wing is what we have compared all other shining things to for thousands of years. It is incomparable."

The photographs in the exhibit feature images of local wildlife by contributing photographers Rebecca May, Dennis Hahn, Peggy Honda and Ron Leighton.

April 1984, an excerpt from the Garden Essays of Hortense Mann Miller

"For 20 years, the local wild animals were fed here – and nightly. There were mostly raccoons, 17 have shown up at the same time. There were also as many as seven foxes, seven skunks, and a couple of opossums. The opossums never became at all trusting, but the others did and would let us walk among them, or they would come to us. They got along together and their manners were good, and they were, of course, a constant delight. Because of the endless building around Laguna, coyotes never before came here. Now there are many of them, and although it is fine to hear them sing, the smaller animals have no chance with coyotes, so I judged it unwise to concentrate them here. After the fire the animals could not eat ashes, were scarce, and I did not resume feeding them. The feeding of birds has continued and now includes a pair of ravens who enjoy carrion with donuts on top. Rabbits, ground squirrels, gophers, wild rats, mice and shrews, a variety of snakes, and a couple of types of lizards all make their home here. We all get along." These items were curated by the HMG Art Committee volunteers: Kristy Melita, Michele Leighton and Cheryl Michelon.



Past Event: Amy Jackson's Art Workshop was attended by many LBGC members on September 30 at the garden. Photos are included on these pages. We hope you can join us for one of our workshops in the future.

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Upcoming Events: November 18 – Laguna Beach Farmer's Market – Garden Art and Container Gardens for sale from 8am to noon. Help is needed for set up and take down if you have an hour to give from 7:00am – 8:00am or 11:45am – 12:15pm at the Farmer's Market. Contact Diane Lannon at diane.lannon@gmail.com or 949-374-2696

To schedule a visit to the mid-century modern house, wild hillside garden and art exhibit, go online to www.lagunabeachcity.net or call 949-464-6645 to book a Hortense Miller Garden tour most Thursdays and Saturdays.



A native of St. Louis, Hortense moved to Laguna Beach in 1953 and died in 2008 just shy of her 100th birthday. A lifelong writer, ferocious gardener and talented craftsperson, she was straightforward, unpretentious and feisty in her philosophy about gardening, politics, love and life in general. Although the property has been owned by Laguna Beach since 1977 when Hortense bequeathed it to the City, it is managed and cared for by a volunteer Board that must annually raise funds to repair and maintain the house as well as the more than 800 species of plants and trees that fill the dozens of slope side paths.

For more information about HMG volunteer opportunities, contact Diane Lannon at HortenseMillerFriends@gmail.com or 949-374-2696 www.HortenseMillerGarden.org

Laguna Beach Garden Club Celebrates *Art + Nature* With Laguna Art Museum!

Rising Inversion by Cristopher Cichocki

Art + Nature is an annual initiative that brings together thousands of participants to foster a love of nature, raise environmental awareness and discover cross-sections between science and the arts. As an immersive journey into the symbiotic relationship between art and the natural world, Art + Nature addresses the environmental situation through a creative and unique lens – the artist's perspective.

Check out this link for all the Art + Nature activities November 2-5 [Art & Nature – Laguna Art Museum](#)

Come join the family fun at Family Fest on Sunday, November 5 between 10AM – 1PM and say hello to your LBGC team spreading delight with rock painting activities for the kids.

There is also a **LAM member's only event at Soka University on Sunday, Nov 19** featuring an exclusive viewing of *Emptiness is Form: Paintings* by Ed Moses. Moses was a prominent painter from the West Coast who was highly respected for his prolific and energetic approach to contemporary art and played a significant role in the burgeoning Los Angeles art scene of the mid-20th century. He belonged to the original "Cool School" of artists in the 1950's and 60's. If you're a member of LAM be sure to watch for the email so you can RSVP!

Taste of Laguna 2023

On October 5, **The Taste of Laguna Food & Music Festival 2023** was a spectacular event with over 900 people in attendance, 30 local restaurants in attendance and a rockin' concert by the "Mighty Untouchables." *The Laguna Beach Garden Club* booth was staffed by **Karen Nelson, Susan Denton, Susan South and Kim Hall**. These lovely ladies were able to connect with attendees and familiarize newcomers about the Garden Club and the tour as well as drumming up many raffle prizes for the 2024 tour. In addition, these four were able to get acquainted with the new staff at Firebrand Media so that the club receives more exposure as well as new connections with the flourishing school garden project at Anneliese School. All in all, a great way for the club to get exposure to many new folks!



2023-24 Trips and Tours

Here is the line-up of the Trips and Tours (T&T) for this Garden Club year. All destinations, including our first trip to Bluebird Canyon Farms, are your recent recommendations and requests! Some venues are new to us as a T&T, while others are opportunities to see what is new and fresh at gardens the club visited years ago.

Details will follow as specific start times and fees for entrance and potential guided tours are hammered out. Look for updated information at general meetings, and please read your newsletters and Constant Contact reminders for any changes.

2023-24 T&T Line-Up:

September 22- Bluebird Canyon Farms

October 27- Descanso Gardens

January 26- Mystery Tour and San Diego Nursery Hop

February 23- San Diego Botanic Garden

March 22- The Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens

April 18- So Cal Spring Garden Show

The T&T Team looks forward to touring this exciting line-up with you!

Gate & Garden Tour Hive Report

In the hive the queen has two major functions, egg laying and producing pheromones that serve as “social” glue to unify and help to give an individual identity to the bee colony. One major pheromone-termed queen substance- is vital and the quality of the hive depends on the queen’s ability to exert these capabilities to the rest of the hive. This “it” factor contributes significantly to the quality, health, size and temperament of the colony.

You might be saying to yourself, “where is Karen going with this analogy?” I’m glad that you asked! Although Susan and I are “technically” the Co-Director’s (aka: Co-Queens of the *Gate and Garden Tour*), our role feels very much like that of a worker bee with the multitude of spreadsheets of tasks that we work on starting as early as October! Chairing the largest fundraiser for the club is a huge responsibility that we both take very seriously and want only for it to be successful in order for our club to achieve its goal of bettering our community.

With that in mind we need to secrete some of the “unifying” pheromone and get our members to fill some key volunteer positions. We would love to have some new blood to fill some positions so that in the

years to come there will be a “deep bench” of talent for future generations of this beautiful tour to draw upon.

I cannot begin to tell you all the incredible benefits that you will receive by jumping in and volunteering to any of the many tasks associated with the tour. If you joined the club wanting to meet new people and develop rich relationships, this is your gold mine! By volunteering you will have many folks that are happy to mentor you in the new position, that will hold your hand as you execute for the first time and you will have an opportunity to spend real quality time with the other volunteers that will lead to lifetime friendships. Our hive needs you! We need new blood, new enthusiasm, new energy and more fun!

Beginning at the October 13th meeting, the *Gate & Garden Tour* will have a table set up in Tankersley Hall where are general meeting are held each month. Susan and I will be there to meet you and talk to you about what you might want to do for the tour. Susan is spectacular at having the details of the positions we need at her fingertips at all times and always being a cheerleader for anyone who wants to try their hand at a new adventure. She is a

wonderful at nurturing the worker bees, drones and her co-queen!

Susan and I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you at our booth each month to round out our roster of superstar volunteers that make this incredible and worthwhile endeavor possible. Remember this great quote: “as you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”– Audrey



Membership News

Welcome to October! I am pleased to announce that we now have **214** members as of October 21, 2023.

Our next meeting is November 10, if you have not picked up your 2023-2024 Membership Book yet, tables with the books will be located inside Tankersley Hall for your convenience.

Name tags – reminder to wear yours to receive a ticket to be eligible to win a great prize as a reward for wearing it. If you

joined the Club in October, your new name tag will be ready for pick up. If you ordered a replacement or spare name tag, it will also be ready for pick up.



Our annual New Member Luncheon was held on Friday, October 20 at Tankersley Hall with 25 new members attending with 16 others, including board members and some Special Administrators. The Board provided all the food and everyone helped with clean-up.



The December “*Weeder’s Digest*” will include a short biography of the new member, accompanied by a photo that way you will all get to learn more about them.

If you have a friend, neighbor, or colleague who might be interested in our Speaker Series, please invite them to attend a meeting to see if we are a good fit. The first meeting is free, and we accept members at any time.

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



Lynn Jax,
Director of
Membership



October Meeting Scenes



Name Tag Wearer

Elizabeth Gemora, a member since 2016 was caught wearing her LBGC name tag and was rewarded with a jar of dark chocolate sea salt caramel sauce by Director of Membership, **Lynn Jax**. What a sweet treat for making sure everyone knows her name!



Volunteer of the Month

Mary Sanchez, also a member since 2016, was selected as the Volunteer of the Month. Vice President, **Blair Contratto** presented her with a gift as a token of our appreciation for the time she has given to the club.



Arriving early at the meeting has its perks, especially if you have a cup of **Chris Lutz's** freshly brewed coffee. As usual the member's contributions to the treat table were the perfect match to that wonderful cup of Joe. Sign up at the November meeting to something to spread *December Delight*. **Norman Powell's** Plant Table is always a place to find an unusual treasure.

SAVE THE DATE!

Holiday Member Tour– December 8

A fantastic and fun way to celebrate the Holiday Season. Mark your calendar. You don't want to miss it.

Three club members will graciously open their homes & gardens for our Holiday Member Tour in the afternoon after our December 8 meeting, from 2 – 5 pm.

All three are very close. Lynn is about ½ mile from Jeanne & Susan who live a block apart.

Lynn Jax – 456 Cress Street,
Laguna Beach

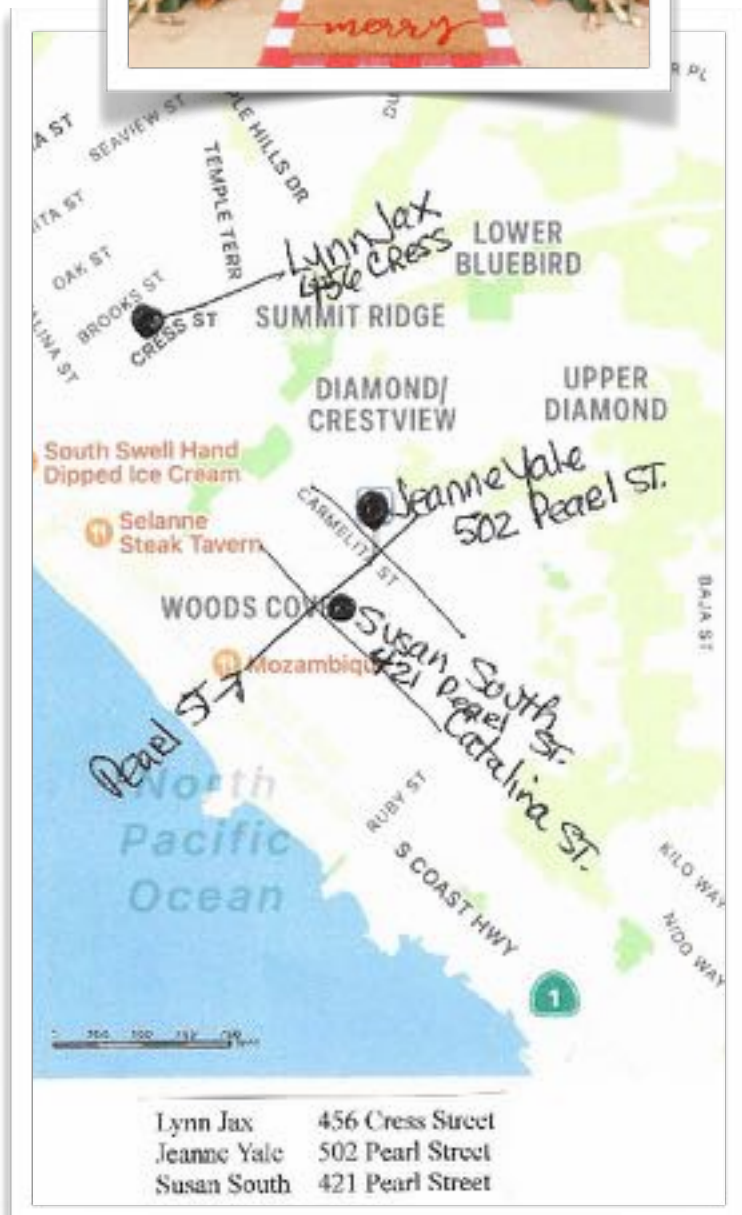
Jeanne Yale – 502 Pearl Street,
Laguna Beach

Susan South – 421 Pearl Street,
Laguna Beach

Come enjoy the festive season with some delicious treats and beverages and enjoy their lovely holiday decorations and gardens. This favorite annual event is truly a perk of membership.

Sign-up Sheet will be at the November 10 meeting. See Patty Gaffney at the Trips & Tours table.

So that we all do NOT arrive at the same place at the same time, **Please** indicate on the sign-up sheet which place you plan to attend **first** by adding **#1 next to your name**. If there are 25 others who signed up for your first choice, please start with your 2nd choice.



Lynn Jax	456 Cress Street
Jeanne Yale	502 Pearl Street
Susan South	421 Pearl Street

December Raffle

Getting in the Holiday Spirit With Goodies

RAFFLE Items Needed

A special Christmas raffle will be held at the December 8 meeting. We are seeking special items as donations. So far, the items we have include:

- Succulent Wreath by Jeanne Yale
- Christmas Ornament
- Box of 6 wines (187ml each)
- 2 Holiday Themed baskets by Mae Ho

Previously some our raffle items included a Christmas Gourd, a basket with Gingerbread house & other German Christmas items, cute Holiday figurines.

If you would like to add some special to the raffle, I'd love to hear from you. Contact Lynn Jax (E: lynnmjax@icloud.com or Cell 949-294-1500).

I have created a Merchant Raffle Donation Request letter for any of you who would like to approach merchants you patronize, see the next page. I will bring some copies to the meeting in November. Also, I can send a PDF version that you could print on your own.

- Lynn Jax Raffle Coordinator



Images shown are similar to the raffle items available



Dear Merchant,

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

- **December 8, 2023** at our Christmas meeting – Deadline: December 2, 2023.
- **February 9, 2024** at our Valentine meeting – Deadline: February 6, 2024.
- **May 4, 2024** at our annual Gate & Garden Tour, our major fundraiser for the year. Deadline: April 16, 2024.

Laguna Beach Garden Club is a service organization founded in 1928 that now has more than 190 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.

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 2024-25 Membership Book**
 - **Gate & Garden Tour Brochure** – given to 600+ ticketholders (local, surrounding areas, & other states).
- Name added to **In-Kind Donor Wall of Fame** – Levels:
 - **Monarch** \$1000 +
 - **Pelargonium** \$500 - \$999
 - **Poppy** \$250 - \$499
 - **Agave** \$100 - \$299
 - **Aloe** \$25 - \$99

Thank you in advance for your generosity. You have always been so generous in the past, and we are most appreciative.

Lynn Jax

Lynn Jax, Director of Membership & Raffle Administrator

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LA Times Plants Newsletter

For those of you who subscribe to the *LA Times*, you can receive a monthly “**Newsletter for plant people**,” which describes many of you. Much of the information may center on the Los Angeles area, but others will cover all of Southern California as well. If you are interested, scan the QR code or visit: latimes.com/plants-newsletter to sign up. I signed up already.

Submitted by: Lynn Jax



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For additional pictures of Laguna Beach Garden Club activities and information, go to our wonderful web site produced by **Kari Nies**

<https://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org/events/club-albums/>