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# Laguna Beach Garden Club

## Weeder's Digest



September 2024

MEMBER NEWS

"Sowing Seeds of Wonder through  
a Community of Gardeners."

*"September tries its best  
to have us forget summer."* -Bernard Williams

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR • DALYNN MALEK

Beginning something new is usually an exciting time. Maybe that is why we are drawn to our gardens- new plants taking root, trees branching out, a redesigned planting area, are all reasons we choose to be in our gardens. This is also why we should embrace this new calendar year of LBGC. Take a look at the list of slated events listed on page 6 to see how we plan to "Sow the Seeds of Wonder" throughout our community this year. I know you will all want to become part of this wide variety of activities.

There truly is something for everyone there. As you spend time in your garden in these waning moments of summer, you might feel overwhelmed with all of the pruning that needs to be done before fall and winter sets in. I found this article that lists a 15 flowers that don't need to be deadheaded. Enjoy your extra free time!



[https://www.bhg.com/flowers-that-do-not-need-deadheading-86604582?hid=f961369289fe90d4bfadfae7bae95f66b64487a9&did=14099949-20240815&utm\\_campaign=bhg-get-growing\\_newsletter&utm\\_source=bhg&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=081524&icq=f961369289fe90d4bfadfae7bae95f66b64487a9&lr\\_in\\_put=77a8572132fb841504dca9a3949b29b0f5b6357cf790e8f84ada7e1](https://www.bhg.com/flowers-that-do-not-need-deadheading-86604582?hid=f961369289fe90d4bfadfae7bae95f66b64487a9&did=14099949-20240815&utm_campaign=bhg-get-growing_newsletter&utm_source=bhg&utm_medium=email&utm_content=081524&icq=f961369289fe90d4bfadfae7bae95f66b64487a9&lr_in_put=77a8572132fb841504dca9a3949b29b0f5b6357cf790e8f84ada7e1)

Come Join in  
the Fun

### Events This Month

#### General Meeting Sept 13

**Loria Stern-** "Eat Your Flowers". We will learn about the beauty and nutritional value of botanical ingredients. (see page 3)



Laguna Presbyterian Church  
9:30 am- Social  
10:00 am- General meeting & guest speaker

#### Trips & Tours Sept 25

**Hortense Miller Home & Garden** We will be touring the iconic north Laguna site. (see page 16 for more details)

#### Board Meeting Sept 30

## Co-President's Message

# Sowing and Growing Together

**W**e are honored to extend a warm welcome to each of you, as we commence the new Garden Club year! It is with great pleasure to announce **Nancy Englund** and **Mary Sanchez** as the first co-presidents. We're excited for the year ahead and the opportunities it will bring. A heartfelt thank you to **Jane Leary**, our most recent president, for all her hard work over the last year! She was the busiest bee in our garden! Her gardening shoes will be hard to fill.

Our president's theme for this year is *"Sowing Seeds of Wonder through a Community of Gardeners."* Our hope is to share our love for gardening with the community through volunteering and interacting with the public and each other to inspire a wonder and new or renewed interest and fascination.

You already know much about Nancy since she has been an integral part of the club since she joined in 2003. Let me tell you a little bit about myself! My husband of 55 years, Nacho and I have two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren and live in Lake Forest. I am also grateful to have a pug, named Pearl, whose favorite activity is snoring.



In my spare time, I love working and relaxing in my garden and my She-Shed! I am also vegetarian, so my newest purchase is a raised garden and planter to grow my own food! I plan on planting different kinds of vegetables. I will let you know how that goes! I also love antique shopping, furniture repurposing, and painting anything I can. I keep myself busy!



I joined the garden club in 2016. Time flies when you're having

fun. It feels like yesterday. I really enjoy participating in our activities and giving back to the community. I am very thankful for the friendships I have made as well.

As we embark on this new season, we anticipate a year filled with camaraderie, learning, and shared experiences.

*We look forward to a fun year ahead sowing seeds of wonder!*

P.S. We will continue collecting egg cartons to give to Laguna Food Pantry, so bring all those empty egg cartons (plastic is accepted as well). Just be sure to stack them and that they have lids.

Submitted by Mary Sanchez and Nancy Englund  
2024-2025 Co-President





## September Speaker

# Loria Stern *Eat Your Flowers*

**L**oria Stern celebrates the beauty and nutritional value of botanical ingredients, experimenting with techniques to extract flavor and enhance color through her garden-to-table food company, *Eat Your Flowers*. Step into the whimsical world of Eat Your Flowers, where delectable baked goods and exquisite floral creations collide in flavor and beauty. Founded by the visionary Loria Stern in 2016 within the cozy confines of her Montecito, CA cottage kitchen, Eat Your Flowers has blossomed into a sensation—captivating hearts and taste buds alike. Loria's artistry and culinary



prowess have garnered widespread acclaim, with her unique confections and floral-infused delicacies earning viral fame on the internet and gracing the pages of many national publications. Fueled by an insatiable demand for her treats, Eat Your Flowers continues to enchant and delight, offering a truly unique and unforgettable

experience at the intersection of culinary and floristry. Her edible creations stem from her early days as a self-taught pastry chef, self-taught gardener and entrepreneur. Her lecture will share the power of harnessing edible and medicinal plants to create stunning, delicious treats and how to incorporate edible flowers and unusual ingredients into everyday cooking and baking. Get ready to be inspired and motivated! Please join us on Friday, September 13, 2024 from



9:30-10:00 a.m. for social time and refreshments, the meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. 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 about the garden club:

[www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org](http://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org)

Please do not use the church parking lot, street parking is available.

## Membership Book Cover

### Photo Contest Results

There were thirty nine entries in this year's Photo Contest.

The beautiful winning photographs will appear on the 2024-25 Membership book.



Front Cover Winner  
**Linda Richardson**



Back Cover Winner  
**Nancy Englund**

**Procrastiplanting:**  
When you have millions of things to do but go to the garden to plant instead.

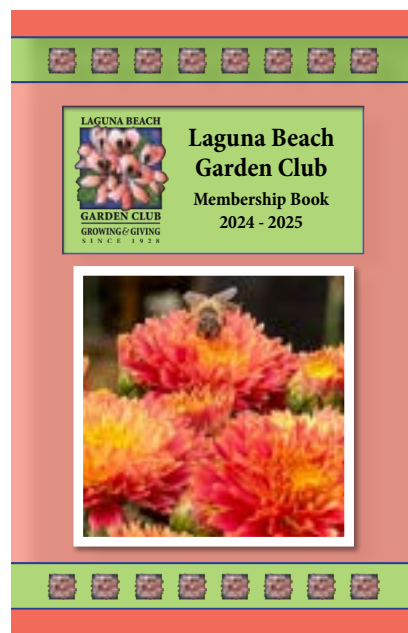
## Our Membership Climbs to 220

**T**he Club is pleased to report that we are starting the Garden Club season of 2024-2025 with 220 members, a truly robust number.

Thank you to all who renewed, rejoined and decided we were a good fit and decided to join “The Best Garden Club in OC” – just ask us.

We encourage you to invite a friend to our meetings as our guest to listen to our world-class speakers and at that point if she/he feels we are a good fit, she/he can join. Membership is open to all anytime throughout the year. No requirement to live in Laguna; in fact, 40% of our members live in other communities. Applications are available on our website and will also be available at the meetings.

The new, beautiful 2024-2025 Membership Book will be available for pick up at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and subsequent meetings. If you can't attend, you can designate a person to pick up yours for you. All newly joined members' name tags will also be available at the meeting. The Membership Table is located to the right of the entrance of Tankersley Hall near the French doors.



Arrive early (social time is 9:30 to 10am) to enjoy a treat, have a coffee, peruse the Plant Table on the patio for great bargains, and sign up for Trips & Tours and Green Thumb, if you are interested. Please do not park in the church parking lot as our meeting starting and ending times coincide with Pre-school pick-up and drop off.

Reminder to all: wear your name tag to each meeting to receive a ticket for a chance to win a prize. Be sure to receive your ticket. Perry Stampfel will be handing them out.

Keep your name tag in a safe place (albeit hopefully a place you can remember). If anyone wants to order a replacement or spare name tag for \$10 (payment can be made at the meeting), please contact Lynn Jax at Email: [lynnmjax@icloud.com](mailto:lynnmjax@icloud.com).

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in September.

*-Lynn Jax, Director of Membership*

P.S. On our travels this July we visited the Nutcracker Museum in Leavenworth, WA. I thought I would share the Garden Club collection of nutcrackers. Which one fits you best?



## How to become the most Interesting Person in the Room!

**H**ave you ever wondered what makes some people so interesting and compelling. They are the kind of people that you can't wait to talk to at a social gathering and you feel invigorated and energized by having been in their presence. What is it that makes you want to invite them to everything, that makes them inspiring?

It is a brand-new season of the Laguna Beach Garden Club starting in September and we all have a shot at becoming, if not the most interesting person, at least a bit more interesting by following these guidelines. In 2011 Time magazine did an article titled "How to Be Interesting in 10 Simple Steps". The basic tenants of being interesting came down to the following attributes:



**Adventurous/Generous/Active/Strange/Caring/Humble/Daring/Original/Brave/Self-Assured= INTERESTING**

You can achieve all these characteristics by getting involved in a deeper way with the Garden Club. If you have been shy about joining in on Trips and Tours, sign up and join this **active and adventurous** group to see and learn something new. Volunteer for one of the many projects that the club is involved in and exercise your **generosity** of time with other club members and show how much you **care** for others and the community. **Humble** yourself and allow others to see your vulnerable side and forge deeper friendships within our incredible group. **Dare** to take on a role in the club that you may not have thought you could do and become **brave** in executing a new skill set. Be **self-assured** by bringing original and fresh ideas and concepts to the club that have not been tried before and do not worry if your ideas are **strange**. The basic fact is that **interesting** people **DO THINGS!**

I challenge each of you, new members and seasoned veterans, to go outside your comfort zone. At the first meeting seek out some folks that you don't know and introduce yourself. Invite them to sit with you and /or invite them to attend the next garden club activity with you. Find **Susan Denton**, *Gate & Garden Tour Director* and introduce yourself and find out how to volunteer for the *2025 Gate & Garden Tour*. Maybe you know of a garden that you think would be perfect for the tour, if so, share that tidbit with Susan. That will help you begin to bond with a group from day one! Let **Lynn Jax**, our Membership Chair know what your unique skills are and that you would be happy to put them to use for the club. There is no better way to nurture new and existing friendships like volunteering for a shared activity.

Welcome to the Laguna Beach Garden Club "hive" and we hope you will jump in and feel the love in this very special group. Remember, **nothing ventured, nothing gained!** -Submitted by Karen Nelson





# Laguna Beach Garden Club 2024-2025

## *Monthly Calendar*

### September

- September 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting of year
- September 13 – General Meeting – Loria Stern “Eat Your Flowers” & Raffle
- September 25 – Trips & Tours
- September 30 – Board Meeting

### October

- October 3 – Taste of Laguna
- October 11 – General Meeting – **2nd Annual “Good of the Hive®” Meeting**  
– Tobin Hammer, Ph.D. [Professor Entomology UCI] “Protecting Wild Bees”
- October 18 – New Member Luncheon
- October 23 – Trips & Tours
- October 28 – Board Meeting

### November

- November 8 – General Meeting – Johnny Wilson “Building an Ecological Food Movement in OC”
- November 15 – Green Thumb

### December

- December 9 – Board Meeting
- December 13 – General Meeting – Katie Tilford “The WWW of Wildflowers” & Raffle
- December 13 - Annual Holiday Member Tour - **TBD**

### January

- January 10 – General Meeting – Jenny Rose Carey “Glorious Shade”
- January 17 – Green Thumb
- January 22 – Trips & Tours
- January 27 – Board Meeting

### February

- February 14 – General Meeting: Valentine Plant & Planter Sale Open House & Boutique  
– Ask a Master Gardener Session & Raffle
- February 26 – Trips & Tours
- February 24 – Board Meeting

### March

- March 8 – Patriots Day Parade
- March 14 – General Meeting – Nelson Coates “The Impact of Plants & Gardens on Film”
- March 24 – Board Meeting
- March 26 – Trips & Tours
- March 28 – Green Thumb

### April

- April 11 – General Meeting – Ken Lee, Ph.D. [Saddleback College Horticulture Department]  
“Inspiring the Next Generation of Gardeners through Sustainable Horticulture”
- April 18 – Recognition Award Deadline
- April 18 – Photo Contest Deadline
- April 23 – Trips & Tours
- April 28 – Board Meeting

### May

- May 3 – Gate & Garden Tour and Laguna Beach Bee Day
- May 9 – General Meeting – Chris Regan “Celebrating 100 with the LBCWD”
- May 26 – Memorial Day Ceremony – Rose presentation
- May 28 – Board Meeting (Wednesday)

*(updated 8/20/24)*



**W**elcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a fabulous summer.

**W** Doesn't it feel just like the first day back at school when you were a kid? It sure does feel like that to me! I can't wait to wear my new back-to-school outfit and bring my new lunch pail to our first meeting on September 13.

Please remember to bring all the empty egg cartons you've saved up over the summer so we can fill up my little red wagon. It's empty and ready to deliver your egg cartons to the Food Pantry to give them a second life and save \$0.45 for the Pantry for each carton we deliver.

Our total for the 2023-2024 Club year was a whopping 1423 cartons. This year my goal is 1700. Seems reachable if you ask all your neighbors to pitch in.

Remember to stack them and bring only cartons with lids, plastic or paper are both welcome. Food donations are always welcome, too. And if you are so inclined I will make sure to pass along any checks made out to the Laguna Food Pantry from you.

See you in September!

-Jane Leary



**Buzzzzzz, buzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz, buzz, buzz, buzz!**



Our local bees want you to know that they will be swarming  
on **Saturday, March 8,**  
to wow the crowd at the

# Patriot's Day Parade!

Come one, come all so **SAVE THE DATE!**



## LBGC GIFT SHOP GRAND OPENING at the September 13 Meeting

Please stop by the sales table to purchase our newest items!

- **NEW** – 2025 Calendars, featuring ALL photos submitted in April for the Photo Contest. Limited Quantity ordered. **\$20**. If the calendars sell out, I'm willing to take orders if at least 20 people want to purchase a calendar.
- **NEW** – 2 different sets of Note Cards. Limited supply of six card sets offered at **\$20.00 each**.
  - Set of 6 cards showing beautiful photos various Gate & Garden Tours.
  - Set of 6 cards featuring flowers.

- Hand sewn denim aprons – **\$55**
- Scala sun hats – **\$35**
- Baseball caps – **\$25**
- Gloves (the best ever) **3pr/\$20.00**
- Tote Bags on order @ **\$40.00**

For photos check pages 58-59 of your new 2024-2025 Membership Book.

-Susan South Gift Shop Director (formally Ways & Means)





## Thank You Jane

**J**ane Leary finished her 2023-2024 term as President of the Club last May. She will continue as a member of the Board as Past President. The Club's meetings and other activities were always full of energy thanks to this fireball of energy who Buzzed around making sure everything ran smoothly. Jane has a place in her heart for The Glenwood House and invited their members to attend our meetings as well as helping on several planting days with them. She guided the Club through the creation of The Good of the Hive® Mural on the wall at the Laguna Beach Water District. This project became the overarching theme for the entire year of club activities. Our annual *Gate & Garden Tour* buzzed with excitement when the mural was unveiled to the public. Additionally, Jane began our egg carton collection program to help the Laguna Food Pantry distribute eggs in a more economical manner.

She wore many hats (and her fabulous bee costume) throughout her tenure and our Club is all the better for it. *Thank You Jane!*



## Garden Club Summer Activities

**W**hile the Garden Club claims to be “dark” during the summer, as you know that is not the case with gardeners. We are always up to something. We started with activities in May and continued throughout the summer.

On May 4, the day of the Gate & Garden Tour, we awarded our first ever **Bee Award** along with a \$500 check to LBHS senior Merrick Vellmure, a Master Beekeeper who began to tend bees at a young age and applied for a scholarship from LBGC. This award complements the Proclamation that **Mayor Sue Kempf** and Laguna Beach City Council made in late April that declared that the first Saturday in May will be known as Laguna Beach Bee Day; the date coincides with the date of our *Gate & Garden Tour*.

*Submitted by Lynn Jax*



The Bee Mural, “**The Good of the Hive®**” at the Water District in Laguna Beach has been graced with a new addition, thanks to the artistic touch of **Cassie Jones**. As the daughter of **Mary** and **Brian Jones**, Cassie stepped forward to contribute to the community's vibrant art scene. Her voluntary work to inscribe "A Love Letter to Laguna Beach from the Laguna Beach Garden Club" near the mural not only highlights the Garden Club's generous spirit but also enhances the mural's aesthetic appeal. This act of community service and artistic expression reflects the close-knit and supportive nature of

Laguna Beach residents, who take pride in beautifying their city and celebrating local contributions.

*Submitted by Brian Jones*

Those of you who attended the May 10 meeting witnessed the presentation of the check (for \$3000 each) to the three recipients of **Saddleback College Scholarship**. The three women, **Stephanie Alvarado**, **Dana Spencer**, and **Christine Villa** were thrilled beyond belief and most grateful. On May 17 the board was invited to attend the awards presentation at Saddleback College, where the Scholarship Foundation honored all recipients of scholarships given through the college. It was most gratifying to the board members be part of the celebration. *Submitted by Lynn Jax*



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**On Memorial Day, May 27, Mary Sanchez** (Co-President), **Karen Nelson** (Director of Media & Publicity), and **Lynn Jax** (Director of Membership) attended the city's Memorial Day Ceremony to honor our fallen men and women who served our country. Many organizations and individuals presented floral arrangements, wreaths, bouquets, and plants. The Garden Club presented a yellow Freedom rose bush. *Submitted by Lynn Jax*



On Friday, May 31, **Mary Sanchez, Nancy Englund, and Lynn Jax** attended the **Honors Convocation of Laguna Beach High School** to award scholarships of \$2000 each to three graduating seniors: Ariana Coulolias, Maverick Baylies, and Ranen Seeck, pursuing careers Fire Science & Forestry and Environmental Sustainability in agriculture and water resources. Over \$400,000 was awarded to LBHS graduating seniors from 141 groups, including community organizations, businesses, individuals, teachers, alumni, and memorial scholarships. We are pleased to be part of the close-knit community of Laguna Beach. Your generous donations, success of our Gate & Garden Tour, our community businesses and sponsors make these scholarships possible. Thank you for your generosity. Submitted by Lynn Jax



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Through the mail in late May, we received award certificates from **California Assemblywoman Diane Dixon's** office for each of our scholarship recipients and Bee Award winner of which we forwarded to each of them. LBGC must be hitting the "big-time" for Ms. Dixon's office to take notice of our generosity to community. *Submitted by Lynn Jax*



On June 22 the Laguna Beach Garden Club held an Open Garden event to visit to Monica Thompson's North Laguna Garden. It exemplifies the community's passion for horticulture and sustainable gardening. Monica's garden, with its meticulous planter beds, roses and the water feature of a tranquil stream, showcases her dedication to creating a harmonious and aesthetically pleasing environment. The inclusion of water-wise plants like blueberry bushes, peach & plum trees, and avocado trees not only adds to the garden's allure but also promotes biodiversity by attracting various bird species. Monica's garden is a testament to how thoughtful landscaping can blend functionality with natural beauty. Approximately 50 to 60 members and friends took advantage of the Open Garden Event to get together and enjoy Monica's lovely garden and each other's company. *Submitted by Mary Jones*



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On July 14 a group of members volunteered to help at the Garden Club's booth in **Green Day** at the Sawdust Festival. **Nancy Englund**'s home was the drop-off point for succulent cuttings. She organized the volunteers who gave cuttings and shared information about Garden Club. Thanks to everyone who donated cuttings, and to those who showed up to give them away. Interacting with the public boosts the Club's visibility in the community and is a great chance to invite people to meetings to enjoy our speaker series. Please plan to donate succulents or volunteer for this event next summer.

*Submitted by Lynn Jax*



On Saturday morning from 10am to noon, on July 27, Sharon Singer hosted the 2nd annual Garden Bounty Exchange for club members in her beautiful garden in Top of the World neighborhood. Members arrived with freshly picked fruits, vegetables, and even homemade canned goods such as jams, marmalades, and chutney. Others brought bunches of herbs, honey, flowers, plant cuttings, plants, and seeds from their gardens. At 11 am, Sharon announced it was time to start filling our baskets. It was wonderful to see the vast array of items to choose from. Sharon also supplied delicious homemade drinks and baked goods to enjoy while members visited with each other and shopped. We certainly celebrated the magic of nature. *Submitted by Brian Jones*



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On Wednesday July 31, some of the board members were fortunate to have a private tour of **Hortense Miller Garden**, located in Boat Canyon of Laguna Beach. What a gem that our city has, and it is open to the public by appointment using the City's website. Hortense Miller had this garden and house built in 1957-58 and in 1977 she gifted the property to the city with the caveat that she could live out her remaining days there. She lived to be 99 years old, passing in 2005. The Friends of Hortense Miller Foundation was created as a non-profit, and volunteers maintain and care for the property. If you have never seen this hidden gem or it has been a while since you have been there, please do yourself a favor and go. A fabulous unique mid-century modern home with 2.5 acres filled with terraced paths. *Submitted by Lynn Jax*

**See page 15 for information on how you can tour this beautiful home & garden.**





**Sponsored by LBPD & Laguna Ocean Foundation**

- a pair of gloves
- a bucket
- water to stay hydrated
- sunscreen & hat





# Welcome Back to Trips & Tours

Wednesday, September 25

To all our lovely day-trippers, welcome back to another exciting garden club year! The team has already heard enthusiasm for getting back into our groove, and the Trips & Tours team has been scouting over the summer. Some yeahs, some nays; all part of the scouting process as we exercised a new hip and improved back strength.

While we are working out the details, the plan for starting our new year is to keep it local and easy but still a lot of fun. Our destination tentatively is the **Hortense Miller Garden**. Since the potluck at our T&T kick-off last year was such a success, we are going to have another potluck smorgasbord following our tour.

As usual, please look for the details at the September 13 general meeting, and sign up to join at the T&T table. We welcome drivers - please note your willingness to drive a carpool on the sign-up sheet.

Reminders: pay attention for Trips & Tours information communicated at the general meeting and through Constant Contact email and **remember to wear your badge on the T&T.**

*-Patty Gaffney & Synthia Schofield Trips & Tours Administrators*



# *Taste of Laguna Food & Music Festival*

When: Thursday October 3, 2024

Where: Festival of Arts grounds – 650 Laguna Canyon Road

Cost: General Admission Ticket \$100 - 6PM – 9:30PM

VIP Tickets are SOLD OUT

Tickets on Sale on the Chamber of Commerce website:

[www.lagunabeachchamber.org/events/details/taste-of-laguna-2024](http://www.lagunabeachchamber.org/events/details/taste-of-laguna-2024)

Since 2019 the Garden Club has participated in the Taste of Laguna Event. We distribute spa water to thirsty wine-drinking attendees. It is a chance for the Club to showcase our accomplishments, advertise for the *Gate & Garden Tour*, answer questions regarding membership etc., but mostly a good will gesture to the community.

This is a chance for local restaurants with award-winning chefs to show off their most popular menu items, signature recipes, and specialty dishes. The festival stage will feature a live concert, welcoming back “The Mighty Untouchables”. If you attend, come see our booth and say hello.

NOTE: It's 21 and older event – no children & IDs may be checked at the gate prior to entrance.

*Submitted by: Lynn Jax*





### 3RD ANNUAL CITY-WIDE SERVICE DAY!

## L♥ve Laguna Beach

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024, 9 AM-12 NOON**  
**VOLUNTEER PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY!**

EXPERIENCE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY  
COMES TOGETHER TO HELP ONE ANOTHER: CITY GOVERNMENT,  
BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS, FAITH COMMUNITIES, SERVICE GROUPS &  
SCHOOLS. BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS & HELP  
MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN LAGUNA BEACH!



**VISIT [LOVELAGUNABEACH.ORG](https://lovelagunabeach.org) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:**  
**VOLUNTEERING, SUBMITTING A PROJECT,**  
**DONATING, OR SPONSORSHIPS**

**Mark your calendars! Love Laguna Beach**, our city-wide service day, returns for its third year on Saturday, October 5th. The event will kick-off with a rally from 8-9 A.M. at the Susi Q Center at 380 3rd Street with coffee and refreshments provided by local businesses. Participants can come and collect their free t-shirt and meet their fellow volunteers before branching out to participate in their community project.

Visit the website at [lovelagunabeach.org](https://lovelagunabeach.org) for available volunteer opportunities. Check often as more projects are coming on-line every week. Get involved, because **LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING!**



## ***May Meeting***

The beach themed centerpiece that graced the treat table at our May meeting was designed by **Mary Lewis**. Her colorful ocean & fish plates were filled with tasty treats for the members to enjoy at the social hour.

The **Plant Table** was filled with an abundance of plant cuttings, pots, and books. Check around your garden and house to see you have any items that you want to donate to this scholarship money raising endeavor.



## ***Volunteer of the Month***

If you look up the word *Volunteer* in the dictionary, you will see a picture of **Lynn Jax**. A member since 2009, Lynn was awarded a Lifetime Membership due to her never ending service to our Club. She has served on the Club Board in almost every position as well as being a Special Administrator of Donors/Sponsors, Lifetime Memberships, Editor of the Membership Book & Weeder's Digest, and the Queen of the Raffles! Lynn's dedication to our Club is one of the reasons LBGC is such a wonderful organization!



## ***Name Tag Wearer***

Members getting to know each other is a goal of Membership Director **Lynn Jax**. **Linda Richardson**, member since 2022, wore her name tag and her name was drawn as *May's Name Tag Wearer*.

Lynn presented Linda with her prize, a beautiful print of a painting done by a SOCALPAPA member at the 2023 *Gate & Garden Tour*. Linda is the 2024 Photo contest winner and her winning entry graces the cover of our 2024-25 Membership book.





## Match Funny Faces with Board Members

Never let it be said the Laguna Beach Garden Club Board meetings are dull and never fun. Can you CORRECTLY match the names to the “goofy” faces of the 2024-2025 Board? At least 2 photos should be fairly easy to identify because they share a position. Have fun with us.

Submit your guesses to: [lynnmjax@icloud.com](mailto:lynnmjax@icloud.com) **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, September 11, by 6PM**, to be entered to win a drawing for a cute prize. Winner will be announced and the prize will be awarded at the September 13 meeting. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

Here is a list of Board members. **Match the Name to the Number of the photo.**

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Nancy Englund   | Co-President                   |
| Mary Sanchez    | Co-President                   |
| Blair Contratto | Vice President                 |
| Monica Thompson | Recording Secretary            |
| John Holcombe   | Co-Treasurer                   |
| Jeff Whittiker  | Co-Treasurer                   |
| Brian Jones     | Co-Financial Secretary         |
| Mary Jones      | Co-Financial Secretary         |
| Susan Denton    | Director of Gate & Garden Tour |
| Karen Nelson    | Director of Media & Publicity  |
| Lynn Jax        | Director of Membership         |
| Susan South     | Director of Ways & Means       |
| Kari Nies       | Director of Website            |
| Jane Leary      | Past President                 |

*Submitted by Lynn Jax*

**Contest photos are on the next page**





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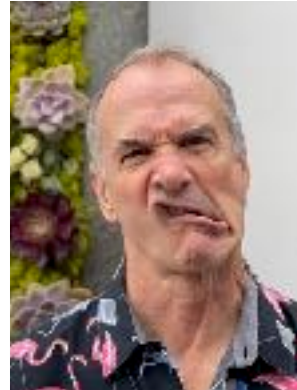


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Photo #4



Photo #5



Photo #6



Photo #7



Photo #8



Photo #9

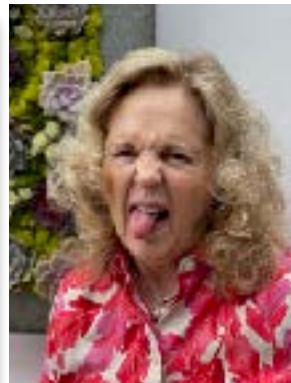


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Photo #11



Photo #12



Photo #13



## Raffles Are Coming

We have another exciting raffle planned for the Garden Club's first general meeting of the year. The raffle will be held at the meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Tankersley Hall. There will be a Halloween basket, Jedidiah Coffee basket, Laguna Coast Pottery gift card, Succulent wreath, and a chance for a round of golf for four at the Ranch of Laguna Beach just to name a few! Ticket prices are **one for \$5** or **seven for \$20**. Look for **Bonnie David or Pam Bisson**, to purchase tickets with cash or check as well as credit card sales available at the Treasurer's table.

Good luck!

*-Lynn Jax Raffle Administrator*



## Let the Egg Carton Collection Fun Begin!

Now that summer is over and we're back in session let's show some GARDEN CLUB LOVE to the Food Pantry!

On Sept 13 and ongoing at every general meeting please bring your empty egg cartons for delivery to Laguna's Food Pantry. For every carton we donate the Food Pantry saves 45 cents. Over the course of a year our Club's donation could save them thousands of dollars, dollars that can go to purchasing nutritious food for those in need.

Please stack your cartons as shown in the attached picture so I can fit more of them into my "little red pony" – I'm expecting a pretty big haul as I suspect you've been collecting them since we last met in May!

Thanks for being such "good eggs"! - *Jane Leary*



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