

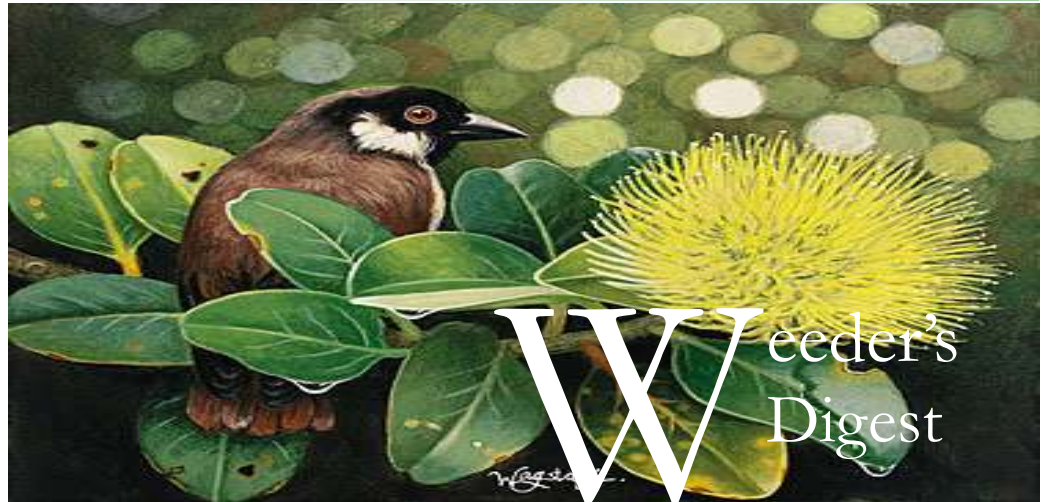
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Laguna Beach Garden Club, Inc. .

Meeting

April 8th at
Neighborhood
Congregational Church
340 St. Ann's Dr.,
Laguna Beach
Social 9:30 a.m.
Meeting:
10 a.m.—Noon.



Growing Edibles in Laguna Beach

**Plant Table
Time for Spring
Cleaning.**

The Plant Table will be more than happy to help you find a new home for your garden *stuff!*

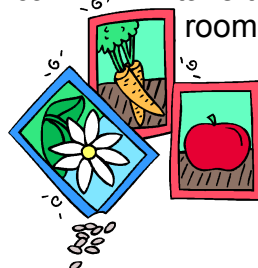


Steve Hampson, horticulturist and bedding plant buyer at Rogers Gardens, will tease our taste buds and get our green thumbs itching on April 8 as he describes the many varieties of vegetables, fruits and herbs that we can grow in our coastal gardens.



“Gardening with edibles has greatly increased in popularity over the last several years,” says Steve, who moved from Pennsylvania in 2003 just to work at Roger’s Gardens.

“Many of us have only small spaces in which to garden, but this shouldn’t stop us from growing at least a few things we can take to our dining room tables,” he adds.



Steve will discuss which edible plants

are suitable for growing in containers as well as in the ground. He’ll name varieties particularly suited to our coastal southern California climate and give us some tips on solving problems that may come up along the way.

Steve, who has a Master of Science degree in horticulture, also teaches a monthly seminar on organic edible gardening at Roger’s Gardens. Roger’s Gardens now has an entire Victory Gardens section devoted to edible plants for the home garden. If you have a hankering for home grown, sweet, delicious and nutritious veggies, then join us on April 8th, beginning at 9:30 AM for Greet and Eat, followed by a quick business meeting and then our program.



**Welcome!
New Members**

**Carolyn Bent
Elaine Davis
Peggy Vincent**



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**Green Thumb: April 15th, 2011, 9:30 am
 at Gayle Whitaker's house**



**Hey! Pop your Cork (s) (and save them)
 we need them to make birdhouses!**

Come and enjoy learning how to construct a bird-house of cork and bark. It's fun, not hard to do, and you'll have a treasure that will be the talk of your neighborhood! Well, we think so, at any rate!

**Materials: If you have them—bring corks, glue and a glue gun,
 an ornamental bird for decoration**

Fee: \$10.00

Gayle's Address: 1619 Bluebird Canyon Dr. L.B. 494-4544



Membership Dues for 2011-2012

. It's time again to remind you that membership dues are expected by May 1st! Bring your checkbook and get it done early!



**"Volunteer" Members
 Tour**

**Friday, April 29th, 9:30 a.m.
 Carpool from the Church
 parking lot.**

Share your garden at it's Spring Best! With everything in glorious bloom, and sweet fragrances wafting about on the breeze, it's the perfect time for us to visit **your** garden. Please call Madeleine Visca and "volunteer" your garden for this month's member tour. 949-494-7307

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Pam Luttrell, Editor

Additional information about club activities is available at our web site

www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org





Garden Tour tickets are selling like crazy!

We need lots of cookies for our 700 guests. One hundred and fifty dozen cookies works out to a little more than two cookies per ticket. Have you seen those ticket holders hit the refreshment tables?? They fall on our delicious home-made goodies like hungry locusts. Cookies, bar-cookies, brownies, spice breads all are welcome!

We need all the garden club members to bring or bake three or more dozen cookies for the Garden Tour.

Please contact either **Nancy Boone via email at nboone@titanwvs.com or phone 559-355-3367**; or **Wendy Caufield via email at wendycaufield@gmail.com or phone 494-1102** to let us know how many dozens you will be bringing.

Drop off location for the cookies will be at Polly Dix's home on the afternoon of May 5. On May 6, the drop off location will be at Madison Square & Garden Café before 10:00 a.m.: Thank you for all your help



Summer Pocket Park Volunteers Needed

The pocket garden is one of our club's civic beautification projects in Laguna Beach. All work is done weekly by members to renew, seasonally refresh and maintain the existing garden. If you would like to join the crew for just an hour or two during the months of June, July and August,

please e-mail Martie McCluskey at: lagunacatalina@yahoo.com or call at 949 376 2196. This is a great opportunity to give back to our community. Ask any of our volunteers!

Cheers to CHRIS LUTZ, BRIGITTE MELTVEDT, NANCY PINK, INGRID MARTINEZ, KATHLEEN KANE, new member volunteer DONNA WADSWORTH, and MARTIE & JIM MC CLUSKEY who have maintained the Forest Avenue Pocket Garden this year.

PHOTO CONTEST FOR THE COVER OF THE MEMBERS BOOK

Rules:

- ◆ Entrants must be Garden Club members
- ◆ The photo submitted must be of some part of your own garden
- ◆ Only one entry per member, vertical layout is preferred
- ◆ Deadline for entries is April 22, 2011

To enter, send your photo to:

Laura McCants, 144 Westport, Newport Beach, 92660

Or Email to LauraMcCants@cox.net



You Signed Up

to bring food for the refreshment table on

April 8th

Valerie Bick

Sheila Peterson

Synthia Scofield

Anne Colin

Brigitte Meltvedt

Pat Carpenter

Joyce Oliver

Dorothy Goldberg

June Pribram

Donna Nielson

Marcy Horenstein

Ingrid Harris

Centerpiece for Table

Ingrid Martinez

Please arrive by 9:15 am with your goodies.

Thank you!





***And the Nominees for the 2011—2012
Board Members are...***

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andPam Luttrell, (newsletter)
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Club Dates to Remember in April

- ♦ **Wednesdays, Every Month 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.**—Weeding at Hortense Miller Garden every Wednesday, come join the gang and get your hands dirty for a good cause!
- ♦ **Friday, April 8, 9:30 a.m.—Monthly Meeting**, at Neighborhood Congregational Church, St. Ann’s Drive & Glenneyre, Laguna Beach. Speaker: Steve Hampson, *Growing Edibles in Laguna Beach*, see page 1 for details.
- ♦ **Friday, April 15, 9:30 a.m.—Green Thumb**—create a Cork Birdhouse see page 2 for details. Hostess—Gayle Whitaker, 1619 Bluebird Canyon Dr. 494-4544
- ♦ **Monday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.—LBGC Board Meeting**—Hostess: Joyce Conway, 1200 Morningside Dr., LB 494-3797. Committee chairpersons welcome.
- ♦ **Friday, April 29, 9:15 a.m.—Members Tour**—See page 3 for details Any questions? Call Madeleine Visca 494-7307
- ♦ **Native Plant Week this April 17-24 at Tree of Life Nursery check it out:**
<http://www.californianativeplants.com/index.php/news-blog/209-native-plant-week-events2011>