

Weeder's Digest

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This month's meeting:

January 9, 2014


"Jewels of Nature,
Hummingbirds in Your
Garden"

Presented by:

Charlotte Frieze

Laguna Presbyterian Church
Tankersley Hall
415 Forest Ave.
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

10 a.m. - 12 noon

 Plan to arrive at **9:30 a.m.** for our pre-meeting social, which includes refreshments, visiting our plant & boutique tables, meeting other members, & the opportunity to sign up for our **Member's Tour & Green Thumb Project** (more information on this, on page 7).

Monique Rea PRESENTS

"Jewels of Nature,
Hummingbirds in Your Garden"

By: Lynn Jax

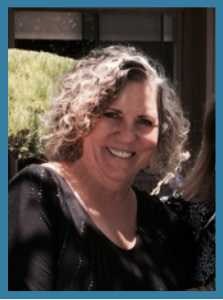
Monique Rea will answer any questions about hummingbirds, such as what are those the wonders of beautiful flying jewels in the garden, how many different kinds are there, what do these quick flying beauties eat, or anything you have never even thought of. Everyone will learn how the garden can be a haven for flying sparkles of the bird world.



Monique has worked with and rehabilitated these wonders of nature, for the past 17 years in South Orange County. She volunteers for the Pacific Wildlife Project by rescuing injured hummingbirds and providing nests in her yard.

Her presentations have been enjoyed by Sherman Gardens, Crown Garden Club in Coronado, Casa Romantica, Heritage Museum of Orange County, San Diego Botanic Garden, South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, Wild Birds Unltd. stores, Mission San Juan Capistrano, and Huntington Library and Botanical Garden. Monique was also one of 11 featured speakers at the 2012 Sedona Hummingbird Festival in Sedona, Arizona.

Monique is also an artist and author. These varied and gorgeous flying jewels have inspired her artwork. Each audience member will receive an art postcard of one of her paintings.



President's Message *from Jorja Puma*

As we say good-bye to 2014 and enter 2015, we reflect on what was and what will be in the future.

Except for the disappointment of the non-rain, rained out, Patriot's Day Parade, Laguna Beach Garden Club had an incredible year in 2014. From exceptional speakers, to outstanding activities, to a Gate & Garden Tour that surpassed expectations, to the many philanthropic causes we embrace, we enjoyed many wonderful moments in 2014.

2015 promises to be nothing less than sensational, after all, what are the odds that the Patriot's Day Parade will be rained out two years in a row?

We have some great speakers scheduled for the early months of 2015. I am especially looking forward to Susie VanderLip's March presentation: "Life Lessons Learned from Monarch Butterflies." Lynn Jax has done an excellent job securing speakers that both educate and entertain our members. We are lucky to have her as our Vice President in charge of programs.

We have some exciting news for the rest of the year's speakers. On behalf of the Massen Greene Foundation, we have, once again, been awarded a \$15,000 grant for an "Educational Outreach, Speaker Series." A big thank you to Vernetta Lieb, who wrote the grant.

As always, the success of the Speaker Series will depend on the members who volunteer to make sure everything runs smoothly. We had great volunteers during our last series and received many compliments on how organized we were. We look forward to once again working with members to insure a positive outcome for the new series.

Both Natalie Harlow-Alison and Tom Hensel have assured that 2015 will include creative and interesting adventures. They are a contributing factor of why we are such a phenomenal club.

We are fortunate to have funds available to make positive differences in our community. We continue to look for new projects to embrace and appreciate all of your suggestions.

I am very excited about 2015. Together, we will continue the excellence of our club and enjoy many memorable moments.

We have two mature avocado trees in our backyard that were planted by the previous owners. One is a Hass, and the other is a Fuerte. Until today, I never knew why they planted these two species.

Flowers of the avocado tree have both male and female parts. The flowers are only open for two days. On the first day, only the female part opens for a 2 to 4-hour period when it can receive pollen. On the second day, the male part of the flower opens a short time to release pollen, making it nearly impossible for an avocado tree to self-pollinate.

However, there are two types of flowers on avocado trees. Type A flowers open their female parts in the morning of the first day and their male parts in the evening of the second day. Type B avocado flowers open their female parts in the afternoon of the first day and their male parts on the morning of the second day.

Now I understand why the two species of trees. Hass avocado trees have a type A flower where the Fuerte trees have a type B flower which makes the pollination process possible in our backyard.

Tidbits from our Garden:



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National Garden Clubs, Inc.

www.gardenclub.org

Pacific Region

www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

www.californiagardenclubs.com

Orange County District

www.ocdistrict.org

Today, we are

thankful
for our

New Member

Janet Waters

Please contact
Elaine Davis for
more OC District
meeting information.

Next OC DISTRICT Meeting

**FEB
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Monday, Feb. 9, 2015

Crystal Cove State Park
Newport Beach, CA

Club RSVP needed by February 2, 2015

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Ashley King, Editor

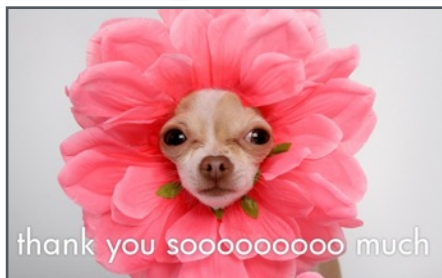
Additional information about the club can be found at:



www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org



Centerpiece...



thank you soooooo much

Our wonderful member

Sue Goldberger

has graciously volunteered to bring in our centerpiece for January.

January's Refreshments



*** Don't forget! ***



Lisa Fecteau
Donna Sheaffer
Jackie Souadjian
Jinx Langemak
Nancy Lawrence

Kathy Leary
Etta Cannon
Cindy Succa
Faye Jacobs
Lisa Mahar

BOUTIQUE TABLES



Whether gifting yourself, a loved one or a friend, our boutique tables will provide you with many different

options! In addition to our famous gloves, fans and Gate & Garden Tour books, we will also have a new LIMITED TIME ONLY item available for purchase.... A beautiful, 2015 LAGUNA BEACH CALENDAR, photographed and designed by one of our very own talented members! Be sure to stop by!!

We have a few remaining copies of our beautifully designed Gate & Garden Tour (of Crescent Bay) hardback books available for purchase! Be sure to stop at our boutique tables at our next meeting to check them out. They are incredible!!



\$50



"Gate & Garden Tour"

2014-2015 Membership Books



Additional Members & Corrections sheet for 2014 is now available to print out for your membership booklet. (see email to print)

Also, be sure to sign the back cover of your Directory so it can be returned to you if lost. Thanks again to Dalynn Malek, for all your hard work on these!

****PLEASE let us know if there are any errors so that we can correct them a.s.a.p.! Thank you!****

Spread the Love & Sunshine...



If you know of a member who might need a little cheering up - **a little sunshine** - because of illness or any other reason, please contact our Sunshine Chairperson, **Dee Koski**, and she will send them a note to let them know we are thinking of them. Dee can be reached at (949) 494-1459 or at **kl.koski@cox.net**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Don't worry...
We've got you
covered.



RECAP

FOUND!!! Two Assistants for V.P./ Programs Director

A most appreciative Thank You to

Diane Lannon & Janet Waters

for stepping up and lending their aid as the new Assistants for Programs in helping me set-up and take-down for each general meeting. And I'd like to express my gratitude to both Nani and Quentin Koromete who served in that position with a ready smile and New Zealand charm.

Lynn Jax



PAST V.P. ASSISTANTS, NANI & QUENTIN KOROMETE

It is humankind's duty to respect all life, not only animals have feelings but even also trees and plants.

Michel De Montaigne



PENNY PINES (REFORESTATION PROJECT)

At each of our monthly meetings, we collect loose change from those members who wish to donate to this wonderful cause. At December's meeting, we collected:



\$54.21.

Jorja will briefly discuss Penny Pines at our January meeting. It truly is a wonderful thing that we're doing! To learn more about Penny Pines Reforestation Project and why we support it, please visit:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/sbnf/home/?cid=STELPRDB5289898>

Thank you, Kathleen Kane, for your help and dedication to this wonderful cause!

PLANT & BOUTIQUE TABLES



We had a variety of plants and Christmas decor at our December meeting. I brought my little Lewie with me and he was just thrilled at all that we had! Our

tables raised **\$158.00** that day.

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations, helped set up, manage, sell, and clean up that day! You guys are so great!



Volunteer of the Month...

You, too, can win recognition for anything you do that benefits the club. We want to cast a wide net and catch any member who volunteers time. For instance, we expect you all to fill out a ticket stub with your name at the meeting.

Remember activities such as the Pocket Park, Hortense Miller Garden, Library Planters, the school gardens – all qualify you to win a pin & special prize.

Winner for December 2014 – Congratulations to **Synthia Scofield** who is a fount of energy with her time she gives to Garden Club. In November she not only helped Tom Hensel organize the trip to the Huntington Botanical Gardens and Library, but she was the first on the scene and last to leave to lend her muscle with the shovel to dig holes for the new plants in the Sister City Garden in Heisler Park. Our club is fortunate to have such incredible volunteers.



Thank you,
Lynn Jax



WHERE FLOWERS BLOOM, SO DOES HOPE.

- Lady Bird Johnson

Thank you to these wonderful folks for all of the tasty refreshments they provided for our December meeting. We are so thankful for you all!



December's centerpiece was brought to you by

Linda Humes

Thank you for your willingness to help! We are so grateful for you!



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| Diane Lannon | Gilda Marshall |
| Nancy Englund | Sue Goldberger |
| Judy Larsen | Colleen & David Friedly |
| Sharon Thoresen | Teri Anderson Schoepe |
| Beate Loomis | Janet M. Chance |
| Karen Nelson | Mary Rose Daniels |

upcoming events



GREEN THUMB PROJECT

Come join us with the guidance from Natalie Harlow-Alison, as she helps us to create beautiful Floral Globes!

Where: 194 Acacia
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$25.00 (Plants not included, price may change if different materials are found).

Complete details will be available at our January meeting!



MEMBER TOUR

SIGN UP AT
OUR JAN.
MEETING!



On Friday, **January 23, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.**, join Tom and other Garden Club members, as we venture out on a tour through the 15 acre, Orange County Succulent Nursery in Irvine. We will have time to wander around and purchase some of the newest varieties available with a group discount. Our second location, also in Irvine, is called Toro Landscaping Supply. It is a new business in the area with a rapidly growing inventory of succulents, shrubs, perennials, veggies and soils. They have some of the best prices around, especially on flats of annuals, so you can start your spring gardens. Lunch in the area will follow for those that wish to do so.

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Garden Walks with

LAGUNA NURSERY'S *Ruben Flores*

Come join Laguna Nursery's Ruben Flores on his first Garden Walk of 2015! Venture along as Ruben takes us through beautiful parts of Laguna Beach with all of his knowledge, energy and humor! \$10 purchase at the nursery serves as your ticket to join. Always a great time!!!

Where: Laguna Nursery
1370 S. Coast Hwy.
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Time: 10:00 a.m.
(arrive a few minutes early)



Laguna Nursery

2015's

GATE & GARDEN TOUR

Woods Cove



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Title: **Gate & Garden Tour of Woods Cove**

presented by the
Laguna Beach Garden Club

Date: Friday, May 1, 2015

Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tickets: \$45 in advance,
\$50 on tour day

Description: A self guided walking tour of
cottage gardens in historic Woods
Cove near Bluebird Park.



Gate & Garden Tour

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN FOR THE FEBRUARY CONTAINER PLANT AUCTION.... NEXT MONTH!!

Donate a homemade container garden or just come to bid on the beautiful creations of our garden-loving friends! Our February meeting is an annual celebration of Valentine's Day and the coming spring season. A wonderful way to get inspired, find a fun gift for yourself or a friend and ultimately support the garden club's ongoing community projects and scholarships.

If you plant seeds or purchase a small plant now, and nurture them until February, you will have less expensive and bigger specimens to use. Go on a treasure hunt at a garage sale, thrift shop or our own club boutique table. If you are a crafty person, you could even make your own container. Containers can be for the wall, indoors, outdoors or for hanging from a tree branch or hook.





Helping Hands

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."
-unknown

Many of us want to help, but aren't exactly sure what to do, how we can help, or where our help is needed. This section, called "Helping Hands," is here to help inform folks about many of the projects our wonderful club is a part of, while also sharing the areas where help may be needed and, of course, always appreciated!!! We have such an incredible group of individuals and volunteers who give so freely in so many different areas. All of what we do and all that we are wouldn't be possible without you!!!

 Are you involved in the **FESTIVAL OF ARTS** or do you know someone that is? If so, please contact **JORJA PUMA** at paja143@me.com.

Calling all WRITERS!

We are looking for someone who is interested in writing up applications for our club for the opportunity to receive awards.

Please visit: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/award-forms> to see all of the available awards along with their applications.

If you are interested, please contact **Jorja Puma** via email at paja143@me.com.

FOR THE PLANT & BOUTIQUE TABLE

Gloria Manders is requesting **flowering plants and plastic bags with handles** for our plant table. Please also continue to bring in **items for our plant & boutique table**, as it is set up, outside on the patio, before our monthly meetings. We very much look forward to these treasured finds! Please contact Gloria Manders at (949) 494-4593 with any questions.



"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."
-- Abraham Lincoln



Hortense Miller Garden Volunteers

Any Wednesday or Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, join us at the Hortense Miller Garden in North Laguna. Please see **page 18 and page 21 in our Membership Book** for more details or contact **Brooke Taylor** at: (949) 357-7022 or via email at brooker-t2@cox.net.



Forest Avenue Pocket Park

Please see **page 54 in our Membership Book** for detailed information on the Forest Avenue Pocket Park.

If you'd like to volunteer some time with this project, please contact **Jeanne Yale** at (949) 497-9400 or via email at jeanne.yale@cox.net.

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.
-John Wooden

DISTRICT BOARD POSITIONS JOB DESCRIPTIONS

“The Director (Elaine Davis) shall preside at all meetings of the District, interpret policies of CGCI and NGC, assist member clubs when called upon, aid the officers in execution of their duties, serve as ex-officio member of all special and standing committees (except Nominating Committees), appoint Committee Chairmen and attend CGCI Board Meetings. The Director shall report to the Board of Directors on activities of CGCI and NGC.” Supports efforts of chairs for awards, newsletter and Ways & Means.

First and Second Assistant Directors: “The Assistant Directors, in their order, shall (a) perform the duties of the Director in the absence of, or at the request of, the Director and (b) accept a chairmanship as assigned by the Director.”

First Assistant Director in charge of Programs. With collaboration of the Director, shall arrange for an educational program for the four annual meetings. There are resource lists of possible speakers. For the two meetings that will be in garden settings such as Sherman Gardens, there are usually docents available to us. The two meetings held at the Lake Forest Garden Club clubhouse, we will need to secure speakers. Will also assure the readiness of the Inspiration/Flag Salute chair.

Second Assistant Director in charge of Ways & Means. Carries out the silent auction held at the June meeting at the end of the year. The district clubs are asked for donations. Develops other fundraising projects as determined by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer: “The Treasurer shall (a) receive all monies collected in the name of the District, (b) deposit all monies in the name of the District in a bank approved by the Board of Directors, (c) call for dues to the District according to the Bylaws and advise the Director of any delinquent clubs, (d) issue checks for payment of bills, such checks to be signed by any two of the Treasurer, Director, or Recording Secretary, (e) submit a detailed report of receipts and disbursements at any District meeting, (f) serve as chairman of the Budget Committee, and (g) have the Treasurer’s books ready for audit at the close of the fiscal year.”

Recording Secretary:” The Recording Secretary shall (a) keep minutes of the meetings and provide a copy to the Director within four weeks of each meeting, (b) maintain a file of the amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules, and (c) perform other duties when prescribed by the Board of Directors.” Must be comfortable with computers and email.

Parliamentarian: “The Parliamentarian shall (a) be familiar with the Bylaws of the District and CGCI, Standing Rules and Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, (b) serve as advisor to the Bylaws Committee, and (c) give instructions to the Nominating Committee.”

Newsletter: (Ashley King) Creates a quarterly e-newsletter. Coordinates with the Photographer.

Awards: (Ashley King) Develops a system to keep the clubs informed of upcoming deadlines for submitting documents for awards, keeps club boards informed as to the criteria for awards.

Photographer: Attends district functions (or gets a substitute) and uploads the best photos to Newsletter and Website chairs via Dropbox.

Website: (Mike Gould) Accepts and incorporates data from the district onto the website.

Hospitality: (Ruth Robertson) On a rotating basis, district clubs are asked to provide refreshments for the four meetings. Coordinate and support the clubs in their efforts. Club are expected to donate the food; coffee is paid for by the district.

Inspiration/Flag Salute: (Carole) Recites an inspirational piece at the start of each meeting. Sees that the flag is at the meeting and in place and leads the salute.

Membership: Make efforts to encourage attendance by all Orange District club members. Coordinate and support the efforts of the district committee chairs: registration, photographer, website, hospitality.

BULLETIN BOARD

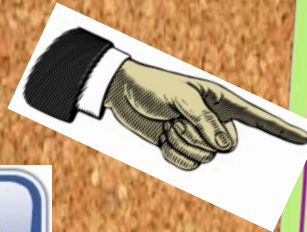


Delighted children...

We've got an incredible group of members in our club, & Ingrid Martinez happens to be one of them. This year, she dressed up as Mrs. Claus for the City of Mission Viejo and, with Santa Claus, passed out 244 candy canes to children from 6 - 9:30 p.m. on a cold night in December. The children's delighted faces made it all worth it. Thank you, Ingrid, for your caring heart over the holidays!



Garden Club member, Ingrid Martinez as Mrs. Claus for the City of Mission Viejo.



LAGUNA BEACH GATE & GARDEN TOUR

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Wishes
everyone
2015



January's

Calendar Summary

Dates to Remember this Month

-  **Wednesdays & Thursdays, Every Month, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Get dirty at Hortense Miller Garden. Bring your own tools, water & lunch! This is for a wonderful cause! Please contact Brooke Taylor at brooker-t2@cox.net with any questions and/or for more information.
-  **Friday, January 9, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Monthly Club Meeting – at Laguna Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall (see pg. 1 for details).
-  **Saturday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.** — **Garden Walks with Ruben Flores**– Meet at Laguna Nursery – 1370 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach (949) 494-5200 (see pg. 8 for info).
-  **Friday, January 16, 9:30 a.m.** – **Green Thumb Project:** Floral Globes with Natalie Harlow-Alison. (see pg. 7 for details).
-  **Friday, January 23, 9:00 a.m.** – Member Tours & Travel – Join Tom and others on this adventure to O.C. Succulent Nursery & Toro Landscaping & Nursery with lunch to follow. (see pg. 7 for more details).
-  **Monday, January 26, 9:30 a.m.** – **Board Meeting at the home of Jeanne Yale.**