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Susie Vanderlip *presents* "Life Lessons Learned from Monarch Butterflies"

Laguna Beach Garden Club
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This month's meeting:

March 13, 2015


"Life Lessons Learned from Monarch Butterflies"

Presented by:

Susie Vanderlip

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 8).

It all starts on the milkweed plant in a wonderful world of colorful flowers and brightly colored yellow, black and white-banded caterpillars, which are also called larva!

As a professional nature photographer, videographer, author, speaker and Monarch butterfly expert, Susie entertains children thru adults with awesome photographs, enthralling movies, and funny anecdotes about the life of the Monarch caterpillar and butterfly.



You will never look at Monarch caterpillars and butterflies the same way again! You will learn how determined they are, how purposeful they live each day, and how challenging their complex lives actually are. And all through the eyes of

Chester, the Monarch Caterpillar/Larva!

About Susie:

Susie is a professional speaker that has spoken to over one million youth and adults all across the US, Canada and several other countries. She has been inducted into the National Speakers Association "Speakers Hall of Fame." She is internationally known for her warmth, sincerity, amusing stories and high-energy enthusiasm. She merges science with imagination to captivate minds and infuse a love and respect for all of nature.

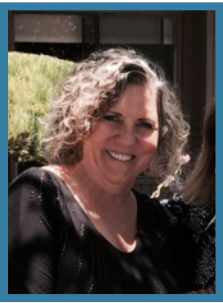
Susie has raised hundreds of Monarch caterpillars into butterflies, photographed and videotaped the details of their lives, and given talks on attracting Monarch butterflies to your garden at numerous nurseries, luncheons, clubs and schools.

She is author of Monarch life cycle children's books and movies used in classrooms across Orange County www.storyofchester.com



- *The Story of Chester, the Monarch Caterpillar/Larva*
- *Creating a Chrysalis*
- *Mr. Praying Mantis, Chester's Friend or Foe*

Susie also has a full line of photos and photo greeting cards sold at boutiques and markets across Orange County. www.legacyofhope.com/cards.htm



President's Message *from Jorja Puma*

Can you believe Spring is just around the corner? My, oh my, how time flies.

Our February container auction was a great success. Thanks to all of your creative talents and generosity, we were able to raise just over \$2,000 for Monique's aviary. I am looking forward to seeing photos of the hummingbirds in their new home of transition.



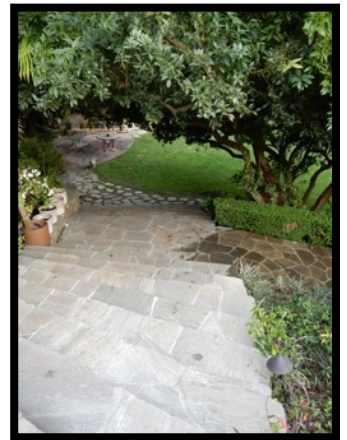
What great timing that Monique had two little hummingbirds she was tending and could share with us at our February meeting. They were absolutely adorable. What a treat to observe them up so close and watch them being fed.



The Laguna Beach Sister Cities Garden had its ribbon cutting ceremony on February 18. LBSC put on a wonderful event, and the audience included many proud members of LBGC including, our very own superhero, Lewie King, who is posing in front of Bill Atkins' beautiful posters. LBGC was a significant factor in the garden becoming a reality, and we can all feel proud of our contributions.

Our Patriot's Day Parade is in just a few days, Saturday, March 7. We are so happy to be getting rain this weekend, but as much as we need the rain, let's hope it doesn't rain on our parade. Diane and Gayle have done a marvelous job of creating and organizing our marchers. Hopefully, next month I will be reporting and bragging about our First Place Trophy.

I have had the privilege of visiting the gardens that will be on our Gate & Garden Tour this year, and it is a must-see tour, for sure. There is an incredible variety of interesting and beautiful gardens for you to visit within a short distance of each other in the historical Wood's Cove near Bluebird Park. Nancy Englund has once again done an incredible job of getting gardens for our most important fundraiser of the year. The success of this tour has everything to do with you, the volunteers. Thank you.



Tidbits from our Garden:



As I walked around my garden this morning, wondering what I would write about, I realized just how much the garden missed me and more importantly, how much I miss it. It seems that emails, organizing, and meetings have been satisfying my somewhat compulsive personality lately, and my love of gardening has been misplaced. However, this gorgeous *Chamelaucium uncinatum* or waxflower has proven to be very independent and is thriving in spite of my neglect. I think I will plant some more!

LBGC Directors 2014-2015

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Our Club is a
MEMBER of:



Orange County District
www.ocdistrict.org

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
www.californiagardenclubs.com

NEXT MEETING:

CGCI's 84th annual convention will be held June 8-12, in Reno, NV.

Pacific Region

www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org

NEXT CONVENTION:

Pacific Region Garden Clubs annual convention will be held April 20-22, in Eugene, OR.

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

www.gardenclub.org

NEXT CONVENTION:

NGCI annual convention will be held May 12-18, in Louisville, KY.

Please
welcome
our
New Members

Stephanie Cunningham
Karen Dennis
Janet Smith
Tina Marie Sutherland
Emille Villa

APRIL
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O.C. District Meeting



SHERMAN GARDENS

2647 East Coast Highway
Corona del Mar, CA 92625
949-673-2261
www.slgardens.org

10:00 a.m. Business meeting and installation of new Orange County District Officers

11:30 a.m. Lunch

It is always a pleasure to visit Sherman Library and Gardens. After lunch the library and gardens will be open for you to enjoy on your own.

RSVP BY MARCH 30, 2015

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Ashley King, Editor



Additional information about the club can be found at:



www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

Please contact **Elaine Davis** for more OC District meeting information.



Centerpiece...



Jeanne Vale
has generously offered to bring in the centerpiece for our March meeting. Thank you, Jeanne!

March's Refreshments



*** Don't forget! ***



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| Nancy Pink | Pat Acree |
| Chris Ranabargar | Lisa Mahar |
| Bonnie Smith | Maggie Siegel |
| Sally Pack | Diane Lannon |

2014-2015 Membership Books



Additional Members & Corrections sheet for 2014 is now available to print out for your membership booklet.
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!****



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 March meeting to check them out. They are incredible!!



\$50



"Gate & Garden Tour"

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

Our Annual Valentine's Potted Container Auction... A Success!!!

By: Ashley King

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU to EVERYONE who participated for this wonderful cause! This year, we had guest speaker Monique Rea come speak to our garden club members about hummingbirds. She covered everything under the sun about this absolutely incredible

creatures! She has converted her home into a rehabilitation for these "Jewels of Nature," the name of her non-profit organization. Monique has the magic touch when it comes to saving them, and she has done SO much for them already, which is why we chose to donate 100% of the money we raised from our silent auction to her for the purchase of a custom aviary with a protected entry. We managed to raise \$1866 on our 90+ planted containers. This is not including the monetary donations that were made to her as well! Thank you to everyone who donated a

planted container, bid on one, or donated in some way, shape or form. This was an incredible opportunity to help such a worthy cause!



ONE OF THE MANY
BEAUTIFUL
ARRANGEMENTS.



Hummingbird Aviary
Plus
Protected Entry



THE PLANTED
CONTAINER, & ITS
DESIGNER, THAT 2
OF OUR MEMBERS
FELL IN LOVE WITH.
BIDS EXCEEDED
\$170.00 ON THIS
ONE!!

Volunteers 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.



Thank you,
Lynn Jax



LINDA MIDDLEBROOKS

WINNERS for February 2015 – Congratulations to BOTH of our Volunteers of the Month, **Gloria Manders & Linda Middlebrooks**, our wonderful volunteers of the month! Your time and dedication to our club is very much appreciated!!! Gloria has put countless hours into the plant table for many, many years! We are so grateful for her and all she has done! Linda is a new member who brought in a beautiful planted container for our silent auction! Thank you both!!

JANUARY'S
centerpiece was
brought to you by

Sue Goldberger

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



FOUND!

In last month's newsletter I put a request out there for a photo of Sue Goldberger's January centerpiece, and Joyce Hill had one for me! Thank you so much, Joyce, and another great big thank you to Sue for the beautiful centerpiece!

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



Joyce Oliver
Gene Costello
Virginia Kajikawa
Ingrid Martinez
Linda Middlebrooks
Jinx Langemak
Erin Marie Bradley

Linda Humes
Rebecca Barber
Dixie Henry
Donna Wadsworth
Sandra Weir
Dee Koski
Wendy Caufield

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 February's meeting, we collected: **\$70.12**.

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

Member Tours & Travel : Tom's Mystery Spots- Headed South

February's member tours & travel, Tom arranged incredible stops for our club members headed south, to Escondido. I was SO incredibly bummed to have missed this one

because of a sick child, as I hadn't been to any of these stops! They made multiple stops while enjoying lunch together, as they always do... If you've yet to join us on one of our member tours, do consider it in the future! These are always so much fun! You can get all the information and sign up with Tom Hensel at our monthly General Meeting. Thank you, Tom, for leading us on all of these amazing adventures!!!



In Lieu of our Green Thumb Project: FACEBOOK EDUCATIONAL COURSE

In lieu of a monthly Green Thumb Project for the month of February, we decided to host a Facebook course, teaching members everything they need to know in order to have and maintain a Facebook page of their own. Many members showed up to Lynn's home to learn all about it, and what a great time everyone had. Our normal monthly Green Thumb Project will be back on for the month of March! Thank you to Joyce Hill and Lynn Jax for putting this on for our members!






UPCOMING *events*



GREEN THUMB PROJECT

Our monthly Green Thumb Project will be held on **March 20, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.** We will be creating a "Don't-Step-On Stepping Stone" for your garden, shown in an abstract style. Tiles and doodads will be provided, but please bring your own bits and pieces to use and share with others. Presented by our wonderful Elaine Davis.


Where: 32562 Sea Island Drive
Dana Point, CA
R.S.V.P: edavis1@cox.net or 949-493-8404

 SIGN UP AT
OUR MARCH
MEETING!



Create 1 stone for \$10 or 2 for \$18! (must be same individual creating both stones)

MEMBER TOURS & TRAVEL

 SIGN UP AT
OUR MARCH
MEETING!



On **Friday, March 27, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**, join Tom and other Garden Club members, as we venture out and tour some of our very own Club Member's gardens! This is always a wonderful time, as we enjoy the beauty of each, gather ideas and inspiration, and also help to answer any questions they may have regarding their own gardens and/or trouble spots.

Sign ups & details will be provided at our March meeting.

MARCH
14 & 28

Garden Walks with

LAGUNA NURSERY'S *Ruben Flores*

Come join Laguna Nursery's Ruben Flores on yet another amazing Garden Walk (or 2)! 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



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!!!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



Our biggest fundraising event of the year, our **Gate & Garden Tour**, is coming up on **Friday, May 1!** The gardens on this year's tour are incredible and we need your help to pull it all together! We are especially needing volunteers for the afternoon time slots. As a volunteer, you will be invited for a pre-tour a few days prior to the actual tour date and also

allowed complimentary access the day of (May 1)! What a treat!! **Volunteer sign-up sheets will be passed around at our March & April meetings.** We are SO excited for this event and hope you will join us! Please contact Jeanne Yale, jeanne.yale@cox.net.

 SIGN UP AT OUR MARCH MEETING!



GOT COOKIES??

If you love to bake and love to share, we can use your help! Each year, some of our members bake up some incredible treats that are passed out to our **Gate & Garden Tour** guests. This has added a fun and delicious element to our **Gate & Garden Tour**. Please volunteer to contribute 2 dozen fabulous, homemade cookies for our guests. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next two meetings, or you can, email Jackie Knauer: jackie.knauer@gmail.com or Jorja Puma: paja143@me.com and we will make sure your name gets on the list. Thank you in advance!

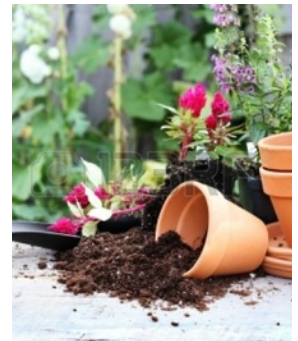
Hortense Miller Garden Volunteers

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.**



FOR THE PLANT & BOUTIQUE TABLE

Gloria Manders is requesting **flowering plants and plastic bags with handles** for our plant table. Feel free to bring in anything that you think our members will enjoy. One month, we had some birdhouses that everyone just LOVED! We always look forward to these treasured finds! Please contact Gloria Manders at (949) 494-4593 with any questions.



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

BULLETIN BOARD



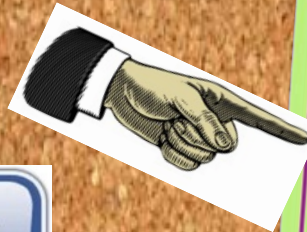
<http://elmorroschoolgarden.blogspot.com>

To the left: A link to the El Morro School Garden blog. Sharael Kolberg & Dee Perry do such a great job with remaining in contact with our local schools and their gardens. There will be a wonderful article, next month, on all of the school gardens and our contribution!

To the right: On 02/23/15, we held a new member tea party for all of this year's new members. It was a wonderful time. So many new members, so enthusiastic to volunteer with our club! Welcome!!



02/23/15-A group photo from our New Member Tea gathering, held at the home of Polly Dix.



LAGUNA BEACH GATE & GARDEN TOUR

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LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Laguna-Beach-Garden-Club/122398214486940>



RIBBON CUTTING for the SISTER CITIES GARDENS at HEISLER PARK



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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.
- Saturday, March 7, 2015, 11:00 a.m.** – Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade– Laguna Beach High School
- Friday, March 13, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Monthly Club Meeting – at Laguna Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall (see pg. 1 for details).
- Saturday, March 14 & 28, 10:00 a.m.** — **Garden Walks with Ruben Flores**– Meet at Laguna Nursery – 1370 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach (949) 494-5200 (see pg. 10 for info).
- Friday, March 20, 9:30 a.m.– Green Thumb Project: A “Don’t-Step-On-Stepping-Stone”**– At the home of Elaine Davis. (see pg. 8 for more details).
- Monday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.** – **Board Meeting at the home of Jackie Knauer** (see Membership Directory pg, 14 for more info).
- Friday, March 27, 9:00 a.m.** – **Member Tours & Travel** – Join Tom and others as we tour some of our very own member’s spring gardens. (see pg. 8 for more info).