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Gloria Broming PRESENTS "DRY FARMING"

By: Gloria Broming

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This month's meeting:
November 14, 2014
"Dry Farming"
Presented by:
Gloria Broming
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...

Growing edibles is my gig. I have been a grower in Laguna Beach for 25 years and my passion and expertise is specifically in growing edibles and working with the soil food web. Nothing beats the flavor or nutritional value of fresh picked vegetables just steps outside the door of your residence or place of business. Edible gardens can be grown virtually anywhere, yes even in the dimmest light you can grow edibles. Mushrooms anyone?



Growing edibles transforms everyday experiences into something special. Family, friends, neighbors, those passing by, and yes even business associates find it interesting to see up close how food is grown and better yet receiving farm fresh fruit, or produce from those edible gardens.

Including an edible garden at your home, restaurant, or business truly changes the experience for family, staff, clients and those passing by. Having an edible garden, increases the usability of your property by increasing the usable space outdoors. In Southern California we have a year round growing environment, couple this with an edible garden and you now have a place to gather, grow and enjoy.

Food is a common language and growing food results in growing community. At Farm to Fork Garden Design we are passionate about growing food and love working with our clients to design edible gardens that will suit their needs, lifestyle, and aesthetics. Space and time are premium and there are many different methods to grow food whether it is in ground, raised beds, containers, or vertical applications. We will work with you to develop an edible garden that fits your needs.

For over five years we have been studying soil fertility and agriculture practices that focus on growing soil, which, thankfully enables the grower to grow edibles with very little water. This isn't a new method farming it is in old practice called dry farming. They say history repeats itself and living with increasing drought conditions it is an appropriate time to revisit dry farming and bring it forward to the next generation. I am excited to share with you tried and true ways in Laguna in which you can improve your soil and grow edibles with minimal water.

President's Message



By: Jorja Puma

Sow an act, and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny.

James Allen

So many years ago, the founders of our garden club established our destiny and throughout the years our character has been nourished by the habit of giving. Today, we continue to sow goodwill in our community.

One of the most rewarding is the difference we make in the school gardens of Laguna: El Morro, Top of the World and Thurston. We have received lovely thank-you notes for our financial contributions, but the pictures of the children enjoying gardening and learning valuable lessons are the most illuminating. I urge each of you to visit the garden blog of El Morro. You will love the stories and the photos, and you will feel a greater pride in being a member of Laguna Beach Garden Club. elmorroschoolgarden.blogspot.com.



In 2009, the City Council approved the development of a Sister City Garden in Heisler Park. I am proud to announce that finally, due to a collaboration between Laguna Beach Sister Cities, Laguna Beach Beautification Council, Laguna Nursery and the generosity of the Laguna Beach Garden Club, this project will be completed in the very near future.

There will be three gardens representing Laguna's sister cities: Menton France, San Jose Del Cabo and St. Ives England. Recently, we emailed a plant request list for each of the three sister cities and have already heard from some of you who have plants they can donate. For you who missed the email you can find the lists on page ? of this newsletter. If you have any plants you would like to donate, please email me at: paja143@me.com.

In the next few days or weeks, you will receive emails with the subject, **Sister Cities Garden Project**. Please open them as they will be invitations to the ground breaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies. We would love to have a large assembly of garden club members in attendance. I hope to see you all there.

Jorja

Tidbits from our Garden:

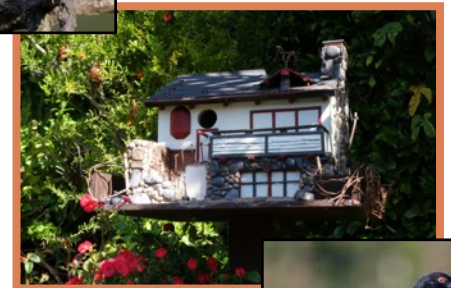
Because of our fairy fountain, we have always had a plethora of birds in our yard. The other day, I heard a new song and discovered the most beautiful bird eating from the bird house our son, Anthony, the coffee maker, made me for Mother's Day. I had just put some "songbird seeds" in the deck that morning and was pleased to have a new species of bird visit.



Oriole

Of course by the time I got my camera the bird had flown away and I had only my memory (Ugh) to rely on. I remembered the bird as having a black head, copper chest and black and white spotted or striped wings.

I've spent a bit of time trying to figure out who was visiting that day. I was fairly convinced it was a Spotted Towhee until I listened to its song that did not sound nearly as beautiful as I remembered hearing that morning.



So, more research has given me another choice, an Oriole. I have a hard time believing this as I have often seen these birds in the yard before with a more ochre yellow chest. But, the song was more like the one I heard.

Spotted Towhee



Any birders out there who can help me?

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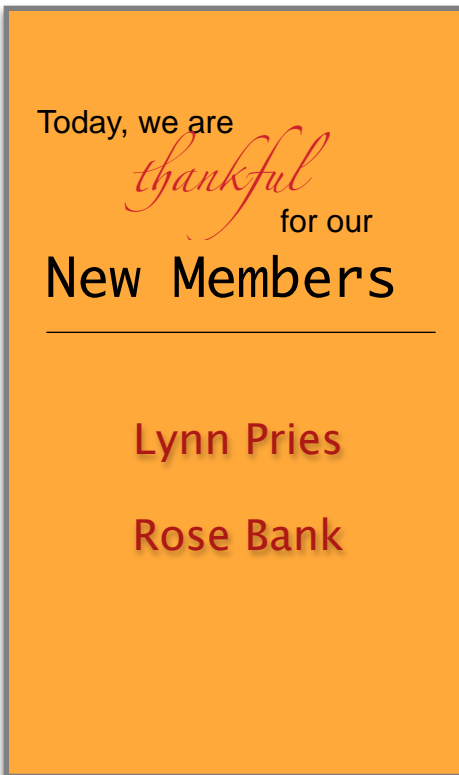
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Please contact
Elaine Davis for
more OC District
meeting information.

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Next OC DISTRICT Meeting

Monday, Feb. 9, 2015

Crystal Cove State Park
Newport Beach, CA

Club RSVP needed by February 2, 2015

Weeder's Digest is published monthly from September through May for the members of the



Ashley King, Editor

Additional information about the club can be found at:



www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

2014-2015 Membership Books



If you have not yet picked up your new membership book, please do so at our November meeting. When picking up your membership book, you will be asked to sign a roster indicating you have received your book. 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!

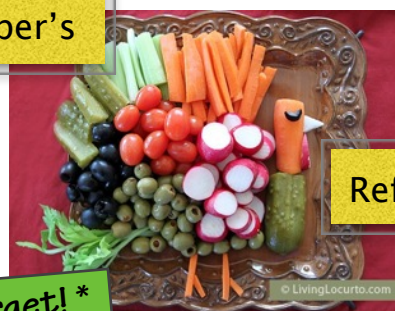
****PLEASE** let us know if you notice any errors in our current membership book. Please contact DALYNN MALEK a.s.a.p.!**

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**

November's



Refreshments

*** Don't forget! ***

Suzanne Stocker
Pam Lask
Jeanne Yale
Ruth Robertson
Lecia Davis
Gayle Whitaker
Ingrid Martinez

Birgitta Schoen
Fay Bowman
Barbara Deubert
Carol Miller
Faye Jacobs
Patricia Weier
Ashley King

Centerpiece...



Our wonderful member
Ruth Robertson
has graciously
volunteered to bring in
our centerpiece for
November.



Protect Your Hands!!

Protect those precious hands of yours with an *incredibly* comfortable pair of our gardening gloves! Visit the glove table where our Glove Guru Girls, Mary Williams & Lynette LaRoche, are ready to help you find the right colors and just the right fit! These also make wonderful gifts for your "get-your-hands-dirty" friend or family member! Be sure to stop by and visit us!!

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



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

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



RECAP

Our Newest
LIFETIME MEMBER...

Nancy Englund

By: Ashley King

Almost everyone will recognize this wonderful woman, as she has headed our Gate & Garden Tour for many years now. Nancy joined Laguna Beach Garden Club in 2003 and has been such a valuable member ever since. She currently holds a position on our Board of Directors and arranges our Gate & Garden Tour every year. Countless hours go into the planning and preparation for our annual walking tour, and still Nancy continues to devote so much of her time and expertise for our club's gain. At our October meeting, Nancy was awarded a Lifetime Membership to the Laguna Beach Garden Club, as she has graciously served as an active member for over 10 years now. We cannot thank her enough for everything she has done. She joins 9 other wonderful members who hold this honorary title. So, everyone, please join me in welcoming our newest LIFETIME MEMBER, Nancy Englund!!! Congratulations Nancy! We are so fortunate to have you!!!



**PHOTO: OCTOBER 10, 2014-
PRESIDENT, JORJA PUMA
AND NANCY ENGLUND WITH
HER LIFETIME MEMBER
AWARD.**

October's Novice Rose Show

By: Vernetta Lieb

At the October 10, 2014 Laguna Beach Garden Club monthly meeting, members participated in a Novice Rose Show for educational benefits using the standard guidelines of an authentic rose show. During the weeks before the October meeting, members received several e-mails with detailed directions on how to select and groom their entries to impress the rose show judge.

When the garden club members arrived with their rose entries, each was registered with the registration table clerk Gilda Marshall. Preparation clerks Gail Rose Lam and Ingrid Martinez assisted the exhibitors as they manicured and prepared their rose entries. Once the rose entry was ready, the exhibitor handed the rose entry to exhibition table clerks Pat Acree and Peggy Rushing. They arranged each entry alphabetically and in the correct class. Rosarian Tom Carruth, the program speaker for the meeting, assisted entrants with determining the correct rose class and name.

During the program, Tom Carruth, Hunting Library Rose Garden Director, showed slides detailing the restoration of and improvements to the rose gardens in San Marino. He also detailed the organic maintenance regimen they follow to maintain the health and beauty of the roses.

Tom Carruth, who doubled as the LBGC Rose Show judge, decided that Patricia Weier's "Midas Touch" hybrid tea rose spray entry was the "Best in the Show."



NEW Volunteer of the Month

By: Lynn Jax



The Board instituted a new program to recognize those of you who put in any extra time to benefit our club. Any time you volunteer or go above and beyond any regular GC duties for your job for Garden Club, you are eligible for this drawing. For example, assisting with the Rose Show, gardening/weeding at Hortense Miller or the Pocket Park, watering the planters at the Library, helping out at the school gardens, or helping with a green thumb activity. All you have to do is, fill out a ticket stub with your name when you arrive at the meeting. Put it in the container, which is located toward the end of the Member Registration table, and await us calling your name to win a special prize.



Winner for October 2014 – Congratulations to **Diane Kloke** for her work at the SmartScape Expo in September, (winner was not present).

October's centerpiece was brought to you by *Ruben Flores*
Thank you for your generosity, Ruben! We are so grateful for you!



Ruben so graciously donated October's Centerpiece to our newest Lifetime Member, Nancy England, for all of her hard work for the garden club. Lucky Nancy! Enjoy!



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

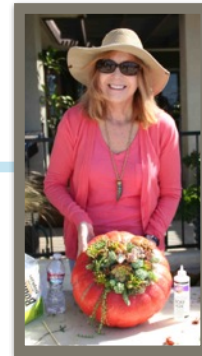
- Kathy Sizer
- Helen Elich
- Joyce Oliver
- Sue Field
- Barb Steyn
- Dalynn Malek
- JoAnn DeYonker
- Teri AndersonSchoepe

- Pat Acree
- Connie Maxsenti
- Faye Jacobs
- Ashley King
- Dixie Henry
- Suzanne Stocker
- Laura McCants



In Case You Missed It (continued)

OCTOBER'S GREEN THUMB PROJECT



By: Ashley King

Our GREEN THUMB projects are held on the 3rd Friday of the month, unless otherwise noted. For the month of October, we decided to get creative and craft up one of the increasingly popular, succulent-topped pumpkins. These have been selling like hotcakes in nurseries all over the nation, including Roger's Gardens. If you were lucky enough to attend this event, you know the fun that went into making these, minus the near \$100+ price tag! With our perfect weather here in California, succulents are able to last year-round, requiring minimal water and care. Without carving or cutting into these beautiful fairytale pumpkins, we dressed them up for the Fall season and will be enjoying them for months to come.



Have a project idea? Please feel free to contact Natalie Harlow, our Green Thumb Chairperson, at: natharlow@cox.net. Consider attending our next Green Thumb project to learn more art and craft ideas! Sign ups are available at our monthly general meetings.

Recap of our MEMBER TOUR to LCAD (Laguna College of Art & Design)

By: Jorja Puma

Our tour of LCAD on October 24 was full of surprises. We all gathered in a lovely park like setting, with the most spectacular Sycamore tree as our background. Many had never visited the campus and were in awe. We first listened to president, Jonathan Burke, give us a detailed description of the school's curriculum, its campus and its aspirations.

Then to our surprise, Tom Hensel, or should we say professor Tom, gave us a fascinating lesson in Botany where we learned a lot about plant parts and their functions. Next, Kevin Cartwright gave us a tour of the campus where we were given the opportunity to observe students paint, sculpt and do computer animation. LCAD is definitely an asset to our community.




Upcoming EVENTS



GREEN THUMB PROJECT

Join us this month & make your very own
Live plant wreaths!

WHEN: **November 21, 2014** at 9:30 a.m.
HOSTESS: Natalie Harlow
194 Acacia, LB 92651

 Cost is \$28.50 & subject to change after review of all materials. Details at our next general meeting.


SIGN UP AT
OUR NOV.
MEETING!



Live Plant Wreath (photo from
twosistersgardening.blogspot.com)


MEMBER TOUR

On Thursday, **November 20, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.**, join Tom and other Garden Club members, as we venture out on a docent guided tour of the world famous Huntington Gardens and Museum. If you joined us for October's meeting, you will recall Tom Carruth sharing with us all of the beauty & gardens these incredible grounds hold. We will be carpooling there and enjoying a dinner in San Marino before heading home.

Address: 1151 Oxford Rd.
San Marino, CA 91108
Phone: (626) 405-2100



*Let's go
on an
adventure
together*


SIGN UP AT
OUR NOV.
MEETING!

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Third Annual LAGUNA BEACH BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL GALA



Silent Auction, Wine & Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner & Entertainment.

Asian-Inspired Attire and/or Colors Encouraged

Where: Montage Resort & Spa Grand Ballroom

Time: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Advance Tickets \$100 each. At the door \$125 each. If purchased as part of Garden Club table (in advance), \$90 each. Please contact **Jorja Puma** at paja143@me.com for more information. Tickets can also be purchased at **Laguna Nursery**. We hope to see many of you there!! Seats are limited, so hurry and get yours today!!

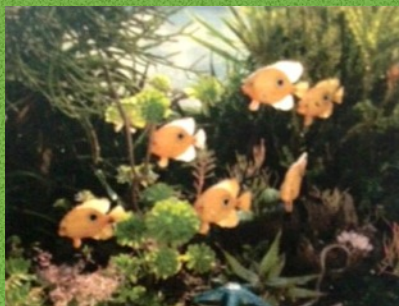


Laguna Beach Beautification Council

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!!!



PLEA FOR ASSISTANTS for Vice President for Programs

By: Lynn Jax

It with sadness that I write this plea. Nani and Quentin Koromete, who have graciously volunteered to be assistants to me, Vice President/ Programs director, this past year and half, have sold their home in South Laguna and will be moving to the East Coast by the end of November. They have been invaluable to me with their help in setting up the black-out covers for the windows each month, helping to set up the Amy Stewart reception last April, selling Opportunity Tickets at the Gate & Garden Tour, "manning" the Volunteer of the Month ticket collection, and spending time at the SmartScape Event at the Water District in September. So I am putting out a plea for two assistants to help with set-up at the general meetings and possibly with other activities that might arise this year. Contact me Lynn Jax via email: jax@cox.net.



Your help will make things run smoothly and be a tremendous help to me!

DECORATED HOMES NEEDED FOR OUR HOLIDAY TOUR!!



We are looking for volunteer's to show off their decorated homes for this year's Member's Holiday Tour. This year's holiday tour will take place on Friday, December 19 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, or have any questions, please contact Tom Hensel via email at tomchensel@yahoo.com or at 494-0644. Without our wonderful members volunteering, this tour would not be possible! Thank you in advance!

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

FOR THE PLANT & BOUTIQUE TABLE

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



CENTERPIECE DISPLAY



Each month, one of our members volunteers to bring in a beautifully designed centerpiece that we proudly display in the center of our refreshment table. Don't be shy! You can't mess this one up, folks! We are always so excited to see what will come in next! Consider bringing in a centerpiece for one of our meetings.

If you are interested, please email Linda Humes at lindahumes@mac.com or Ashley King at ADKblog@gmail.com.

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.



Refreshments



Interested in bringing in something to eat? We are so grateful for all of our members who open their hearts and their kitchen to bring in such tasty refreshments each month! Bring them in one time only, or as many times as you'd like. Sign up sheets are passed around at each meeting, or you can email **Susan McGill** at semcgill@aol.com, **Sandra Montag** at sandra.montag@yahoo.com or **Ashley King** at ADKblog@gmail.com & let us know you're interested.

Thank you in advance!

Do you have any of these plants for our Sister Cities/ Heisler Park Garden?
Please let us know if you can help!

SISTER CITIES / HEISLER PARK GARDEN SAN JOSE del CABO

Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Quantity	Have
Fouquieria splendens	Ocotillo	15 Gallon	1	_____
Agave americana	Century Plant	15 Gallon	1	_____
Agave tequiliana	Tequila Agave	5 Gallon	1	_____
Streletzia reginae	Bird of Paradise	5 Gallon	2	_____
Ferocactus emoryi	Barrel Cactus	5 Gallon	3	_____
Bougainvillea "Rosenka"	Rosenka Bougainvillea	5 Gallon	2	_____
Bougainvillea "Flame"	Flame Bougainvillea	5 Gallon	2	_____
Echium fatuosum	Pride of Madiera	5 Gallon	1	_____
Pachycereus pringlei	Elephant Cactus	15 Gallon	1	_____
Pitaya agria	Sour Pitaya	15 Gallon	1	_____
Mimulus arantiacus	Southern Monkey Flower	1 Gallon	5	_____
Opuntia littoralis	Prickly Pear Cactus	5 Gallon	3	_____
Salvia mellifera	Black Sage	1 Gallon	5	_____

ST IVES ENGLAND

Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Quantity	Have
Viburnum suspensum	Sandankwa Viburnum	5 Gallon	1	_____
Viburnum opulus	Guelder Rose	5 Gallon	1	_____
Hydrangea macrophylla	Hydrangea	5 Gallon	3	_____
Cordyline australis	Cabbage Tree	15 Gallon	1	_____
Cordyline australis Red	Red Cabbage Tree	15 Gallon	1	_____
Camellia japonica	Camellia	15 Gallon	1	_____
Camellia "Setsugekka"	Setsugekka Camellia	15 Gallon	1	_____
Hellebore species	Hellebore	1 Gallon	5	_____
Centranthus ruber	Valerian	4" Gallon	12	_____
Pelargonium peltatum	Ivy Geranium	4" Gallon	6	_____
Pelargonium sidoides	Common Geranium	4" Gallon	6	_____
Hedera helix	English Ivy	1 Gallon	4	_____
Hedera hibernica	Atlantic Ivy	1 Gallon	4	_____

MENTON FRANCE

Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Quantity	Have
Citrus species	Dwarf orange bush	5 Gallon	2	_____
Pittosporum tobira	Dwarf Mock Orange	5 Gallon	1	_____
Calliandra tweedii	Ncn	5 Gallon	1	_____
Cyperus alternifolius	Umbrella Papyrus	5 Gallon	3	_____
Beaucarnea recurvata	Elephant Foot Palm	15 Gallon	1	_____
Cycas revoluta	Sago palm	15 Gallon	1	_____
Strelitzia reginae	Bird of Paradise	15 Gallon	1	_____
Echium fatuosum	Pride of Madiera	5 Gallon	1	_____
Lavendula stoechas	French Lavender	1 Gallon	7	_____
Canna species	Canna Lily	5 Gallon	3	_____
Clematis montana	Taylor's Clematis	5 Gallon	1	_____
Agapanthus africanus nana	Dwarf Lily of the Nile	1 Gallon	5	_____
Jasminum sambac	Jasmine	1 Gallon	10	_____



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, November 14, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Monthly Club Meeting – at Laguna Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall (see pg. 1 for details)
- 🍂 **Tuesday, November 18, 6 – 9 p.m.** — Garden Cabaret, featuring Bret Shuford at Laguna Nursery – 1370 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach (949) 494-5200
- 🍂 **Wednesday, November 19, 5 – 9 p.m.** — Shangri-La Guna Gala hosted by Laguna Beach Beautification Council – at the Montage Resort & Spa Grand Ballroom (see pg. 9 for more details)
- 🍂 **Thursday, November 20, 9 a.m.** – Member Tour – Join Tom and other members on this absolutely incredible tour of Huntington Gardens & Museum (see pg. 8 for more details)
- 🍂 **Friday, November 21, 9:30 a.m.** – Green Thumb – Live-Plant Wreaths at Natalie Harlow's home (see pg. 8 for more details)
- 🍂 **Monday, November 24, 9:30 a.m.** – Board of Director's meeting at Laguna College of Art & Design on Laguna Canyon Road