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Laguna Beach Garden Club
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This month's meeting:

October 10, 2014


"What's Happening at the Huntington Rose Garden"

Presented by:

Tom Carruth

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

10 a.m. - 12 noon

 Plan to arrive between **9:00 and 9:30 a.m.** for our pre-meeting social, which includes refreshments, visiting our plant & glove/merchandise tables, meeting other members, & the opportunity to sign up for our **Member Tour** and **Green Thumb Project**. (more information on these, on page 7).



Our **NOVICE ROSE SHOW**
is here...

Our Novice Rose Show is just around the corner! Are you as excited as we are?!

Garden Club members, as well as members of the community, are invited to our club's Novice Rose Show, which will be held at our general meeting on Friday, October 10, 2014. (Meeting details in the box to the left.) Bring in your best rose and you could win "Best in the Show" prize!

Now is a good time to fertilize your roses in preparation for this event. Participants are encouraged to exhibit a single stem rose that is not a tight bud, but a flower, just opening and beginning to unfurl a bit.
(example photo to the right)



All roses must have been grown in the exhibitor's outdoor garden.

It is important that the rose be identified with its correct name and class. Classes will include: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora, Floribunda, English/Shrub, and Miniatures. Unsure of your beautiful rose's name and class? No need to worry! We've got that covered!

Tom Carruth, our guest speaker, will also be judging this exciting event! He will be available to help participants, ensuring the correct name and class identities of all entries, beginning at 9 a.m. Grooming roses for the show will also begin at 9 a.m. on the patio.

Your rose entry *must* be on the Exhibition Table, in Tankersley Hall, by 9:55 am. No exceptions.

For more information, go to lagunabeachgardenclub.org, our Facebook page or contact Vernetta Lieb at 310-750-6857 or vernetta2@cox.net.

We warmly welcome...



Our Guest Speaker and Judge for October's meeting & Novice Rose Show...

Tom Carruth

A Little Bit About Tom

By: Ashley King

To say we are excited to have Tom Carruth, an award-winning rose hybridizer, as our wonderful guest speaker and judge for our October Meeting & Novice Rose Show, would be an understatement! We are THRILLED!! There is *so* much incredible information about this man out there, that we can't possibly list it all here! There just isn't enough room! We've read through many different articles and have learned so much from them that we've decided to share a few of those links here. It is always a great idea to take a little bit of time and read a few of these articles prior to our meeting, as it really personalizes your experience.



Photo from huntington.org

- http://genesasse.com/stories_huntington_rose_garden.htm - This link is actually where we downloaded the rose picture, at the top of this page, from. This article was one of our favorites and had some great photos to go along with it!
- <http://www.huntington.org/WebAssets/Templates/content.aspx?id=14524> - This article is from February 2012, shortly after Tom was named Curator of the Rose Collection at The Huntington.
- <http://www.pacifichorticulture.org/articles/thomas-carruth/> - Though outdated, this article from 2003 contains lots of great information and gives you an idea about his background and years of experience.

Believe me, when I say that these few articles were only the beginning!! We hope you'll join us on October 10 and hear this incredible man's presentation and watch as he judges and awards "Best in the Show" prize to one of our lucky Rose Show participants.... It could be you!!!



Have a Twitter account?

Follow Tom on Twitter, [@TomCarruthRoses](https://twitter.com/TomCarruthRoses), for awesome photos and loads of information!



President's Message

By: Jorja Puma

I agree with Anne of Green Gables who said, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

Our beautiful town quiets. Liquid Ambers take on fall colors. Spectacular sunsets frequently visit. The holiday season begins to sprout, and it's a wonderful time to add a few new plants to our gardens. Not to mention, the 2014 Novice Rose Show we are having at our October 10 meeting.

I am very excited about the Rose Show; it promises to be lots of fun and extremely educational. We are honored to have Tom Carruth as our speaker and judge. I can hardly wait.

Also, we are establishing a new tradition of "Volunteer of the Month" as an extra thank you. We will have a drawing for a small plant. Maybe a rose? The heart of our club is its members; the heartbeat is our volunteers. You give of your time for an organization you take pleasure in and in turn our club thrives. So, please, if you gave of your time or talents or gardening skills in September, remember to fill out a raffle ticket when you sign-in. Good luck, you all deserve to win. Even if your name isn't selected this time, there is always October and then November and then..... for each month's volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, LBGC's booth at the SmartScape Expo was a great success. I couldn't help but notice the difference between our booth and those around us. Our volunteers were happy, enthusiastic and passionate about our club and did a terrific job promoting all that is LBGC. Thanks to all!

In and amongst all the good of September was the horrific hurricane Odile which devastated Laguna's sister city, San Jose del Cabo. In order to help "Make a Difference," I am proud to say that our club has made a donation to Laguna Beach Sister Cities to help in the reconstruction of what once was beautiful.

Tidbits from My Garden:

The Peach Tree:

The last couple of years, I have competed with creatures of some sort or another for every piece of fruit our peach tree produced and mostly lost. This summer, thanks to an annoying beeping device, I no longer had critters, but bees. It was fascinating. The bees, unlike the undesirables, were polite; they consumed one to two peaches at a time. I didn't discourage them as they bounced between the basil flowers and the peaches; I just picked peaches for us and envied whoever was going to enjoy the delicious basil/peach honey.



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We are so happy you joined our flock.... We will always have room for you!



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Welcome!

New Members

Pam Bisson

Minette Carter

Lisa Fecteau

Kathy Leary

Karen Nelson

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Next DISTRICT Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Environmental Nature Center
1601 E. 16th Street
Newport Beach, CA

www.encenter.org

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

Gate & Garden Tour

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.

For more info, please visit www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org

There are still some remaining copies of our
beautifully designed Gate & Garden Tour (of
Crescent Bay) hardback books. Check out our
boutique tables at our meeting to purchase yours!



\$50



"Gate & Garden Tour"

2014-2015 Membership Books



If you have not yet picked up
your new membership book,
please do so at our October
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!

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




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!!

PLANT TABLE

Please bring in
plants, pots, misc.
items and **plastic
bags** for October's
Plant Table Sale !



 Our refreshment table's *Centerpiece...*

**THANK
YOU**

Many, many THANKS
to our very talented

LYNETTE
L A R O C H E

for creating & sharing
with us, her beautiful
succulent centerpiece
for our September
meeting!



October's
centerpiece will be
brought to you by

Ruben Flores

Thank you in
advance, Ruben!
We know it will be
spook-tacular!



October's Refreshments



**** Don't forget! ****

Thank you, in advance, to these generous
members for offering to bring in refreshments
for our meeting on October 10, 2014:

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


**PLEASE
READ!**

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, located at the back of the room. 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. We still have
the following months available:

- * December
- * January
- * March

Interested? Sign up at our next meeting or email Linda
Humes at lindahumes@mac.com or Ashley King at
ADKblog@gmail.com . THANK YOU in advance!!!



Thank you to our **Board Members** for all of the
yummy refreshments they provided for our
September meeting. We are so grateful that so
many folks open up their hearts, and kitchen, to
provide us with such delicious treats!

Interested in bringing in something to eat? Sign up sheets
are passed around at each meeting, or you can email Sandra
Montag at Sandra.Montag@yahoo.com or Ashley
King at ADKblog@gmail.com.

We sincerely thank you in advance!

October's

Upcoming

EVENTS




GREEN THUMB PROJECT

Join us this month & make your very own
Succulent-topped Pumpkin!

WHEN: **October 17, 2014** at 9:30 a.m.
HOSTESS: Elaine Davis & Ashley King

 ALL DETAILS COMING SOON!

 SIGN UP AT
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MEETING!




Succulent Pumpkin

(photo from: www.flowergardengirl.com)

MEMBER TOUR

On, **October 24, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.**, join Tom and other Garden Club members, as we venture out on a botanical and artistic fusion trip to LCAD in our very own Laguna Canyon! Details, including where to meet to carpool and where we will be eating lunch, will be provided at our October meeting. See you there!

 SIGN UP AT
OUR OCT.
MEETING!

Let's go
on an
adventure
together
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In case you missed it....

Don't worry, we've got you covered.



September'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 September, we proudly welcomed back Jeanne Yale's Succulent Wreath-making project. This has proven to be one of our most popular projects, with us actually having to turn folks away due to the overwhelming response we've received in those interested in learning this incredible art! With our perfect weather here in California, succulents are able to last year-round, requiring minimal water and care. Everyone who attended this Green Thumb event had a wonderful time and left with their very own handcrafted, succulent wreath (see picture above).... What an incredible work of art to keep and enjoy for yourself, or an even more incredible gift to receive! Consider attending our next Green Thumb project to learn more art and craft ideas! Sign ups are available at our monthly general meetings.



A huge THANK YOU to Jeanne Yale for donating the succulent wreaths that were raffled off at the Smartscape Expo that was held that same weekend. Folks purchased multiple tickets in hopes of increasing their chances of taking home the prize! Read on for more information about the Smartscape Expo event that was held on September 20 & 21, 2014.

SmartScape Expo 2014

Sponsored by the Laguna Beach County Water District

By: Lynn Jax



Our Garden Club was one of the twenty-one participants in the Water District's annual event, SmartScape Info/Expo, held September 20 and 21. As our President, Jorja, commented in her President's Message, our booth had the most visitors throughout the two-day event. Fifteen of our members spent a few hours of their day to assist in disseminating information about the *Best Garden Gloves Ever*; discussing the benefits of the Ollas and procuring emails of those interested in a purchase; showcasing our *2014 Gate & Garden Tour Book* and gathering emails of those interested in attending next year's tour; focusing on explaining what LBGC is and when we meet and handing

out *Membership Applications* to prospective members; providing attendees with an Opportunity to win one of two *Jeanne Yale Succulent Wreath Creations*; and handing out *succulent cuttings* and some *potted succulents* to those who took advantage of the Opportunity to win one of the wreaths.



With our participation in this event, we are continuing with our commitment to community involvement and education. I want to sincerely thank those who volunteered to be part of this event: Jeanne Yale, Maggie Siegel, Susan Kent, JoAnn DeYonker, Sue and Bob Goldberger, Faye Jacobs, Jorja Puma, Nancy Englund, Diane Kloke, Nani and Quentin Koromete, Sandy Desmond, Evie Hunt, and Lynn Jax. And another big Thank You to those who brought succulent cuttings for our give-away. Two lucky local Laguna women (Nancy Wessel and Shelley Seltzer) won a wreath each and were thrilled because they "never win anything" to quote Shelley.



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.
- 🌿 **Monday, October 6, 9:00 a.m.**– District Meeting @ The Environmental Nature Center in Newport Beach. (for more information, see pg. 4)
- 🌿 **Friday, October 10, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Monthly Club Meeting & “Novice Rose Show” at Laguna Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall (see pg. 1 for details)
- 🌿 **Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.** – Garden Walk with Ruben Flores exploring landscapes and gardens in and around Laguna Beach – meet at Laguna Nursery at 10 a.m. – 1370 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach (949) 494-5200
- 🌿 **Friday, October 17, 9:30 a.m.** – Green Thumb – Succulent-topped Pumpkins at Elaine Davis’s home (see pg. 7 or email Ashley at ADKblog@gmail.com for details)
- 🌿 **Friday, October 24, 9 a.m.** – Member Tour – Join Tom and other members on this wonderful tour of Laguna’s very own LCAD. (see pg. 7 for more details)
- 🌿 **Monday, October 27, 2:00 p.m.** – Board of Director’s meeting at the home of Jorja Puma