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Weeder's Digest



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Charlotte Frieze PRESENTS "Private Paradise: Contemporary American Gardens"

By: Lynn Jax

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This month's meeting:
December 12, 2014

**"Private Paradise:
Contemporary American
Gardens"**

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 Holiday Tour** (more information on this, on page 11).

As a landscape architect, Charlotte Frieze designs gardens for residential clients. Her work includes projects in Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, California, and British Columbia and Ontario, in Canada. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects.



PHOTO BY: PETER C. JONES

During her tenure as the garden editor for *House & Garden* magazine for 9 years, from October 1998 until its closing in 2007, she travelled the world to bring brilliant garden designs to the more than one million subscribers. She is also the Contributing Editor at *Town & Country* magazine. Her passion for both writing and landscape architecture has contributed to her most recent book, called *Private Paradise: Contemporary American Gardens*, published in 2011. She has authored *The Zone Garden*, a series of three books: (1) *A Surefire Guide to Gardening in Zones 3, 4, and 5*; (2) *Zones 5, 6, and 7*; (3) and *Zones 8, 9, and 10*. Her articles have appeared in such publications as *House & Garden*, *Town & Country*, *New England Monthly*, *Connoisseur*, *Architectural Record*, and the *Providence Journal*.

Audiences have listened to her lectures on the subject of gardens and garden design on board the Queen Mary 2, and at seminars, gardens clubs and institutions across the U.S., including the Detroit Institute of Art, The Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art, The New York Botanical Garden, and the Seattle Horticultural Society. She was one of the two American judges at the prestigious 1994 and 2001 Paris Rose Trials at Bagatelle.

Charlotte Frieze, hails from Malibu, California, where she lives with her husband, Peter C. Jones, who is a fine art & publication consultant, author, photographer and documentary filmmaker.



President's Message

from Jorja Puma

I love this "Season of Celebration." It is full of family, friends, festivities and joyfulness. This year, I especially celebrate the friends and adventures that have enhanced my life because of our club. There is so much good amongst us.

Goodness is also found in our fabulous City. Recently, in Heisler Park, where Jasmine meets Cliff, on land designated by the City of Laguna Beach, lie three recently planted gardens. Each is inspired by one of Laguna's sister cities: Menton, France, San Jose del Cabo, and St. Ives, England. They join to form one Sister City Garden.

The garden is also a great story of collaboration between the City of Laguna Beach, a local business, Laguna Nursery and four charitable organizations: Laguna Beach Garden Club, Laguna Beach Sister Cities, Laguna Beach Beautification Council and the Laguna Beach Community Foundation.

The LBGC was able to use a portion of the grant money our club received from the LBCF in partnership with the Massen Greene Foundation to primarily fund the Sister City Garden Project. We are all grateful for their generosity.

Many of our members "dug in." Alongside the garden's designer, the one and only, Ruben Flores with his crew and members of LBSC, we planted "region-specific" plants in each of the gardens.

Visiting the garden is a must. Go see it soon, while it's still in its infancy. Then, continue to stop by and watch it mature. Know it is a wonderful example of what we can accomplish *together* to promote beauty in our world. While you're there, feel free to garden a bit, especially by removing a few of the fallen Eucalyptus leaves.

I look forward to the new year, and all that it will bring, including the Sister City Garden ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by LBSC. Of course, we will keep you informed and look forward to seeing you there.

For those of you who don't know, I am a Monarch Butterfly enthusiast. They are not only beautiful; they are incredibly fascinating.

Last winter, I was ecstatic that we still had Monarch Butterflies in our garden. I would tell everyone and have since learned that it is not a good thing to have Monarchs year round.

Because we have Tropical Milkweed, which can bloom all year in climates like ours, the Monarchs were able to continue to breed and feed which, unfortunately, disrupted their migration pattern.

So, in November, I had the milkweed cut down to just a few inches above ground, and I am saying good-bye to the Monarchs until next Spring.

Tidbits from our Garden:



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www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org

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www.californiagardenclubs.com

Orange County District

www.ocdistrict.org

Today, we are

thankful

for our

New Members

Janet Chance

Judy Lambert

Lisa Mahar

Jamie Clancy

Please contact
Elaine Davis for
more OC District
meeting information.

FEB

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

*** Don't forget! ***



December's Refreshments

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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 |

Centerpiece...



Our wonderful member
Linda Humes
has graciously volunteered to bring in our centerpiece for December.

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!****



BOUTIQUE GIFT TABLES

Whether **gifting yourself**, **a loved one** or **a friend**, our boutique tables this month will provide you with many different options for just about everyone on your list! In addition to our **famous gloves**, fans and Gate & Garden Tour books, we will also have a few new LIMITED TIME ONLY items available! You will find beautifully, handmade **CHRISTMAS GOURD ORNAMENTS** for purchase as well as 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

Like us on Facebook

"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

Sister Cities garden installed in Heisler Park Monday, 11/17/2014

Ruben and many of our members rallied together to plant the Sister Cities Garden in Heisler Park on Monday, November 17, 2014. The entire article was published on the front page of the Stu News Laguna on the 21st. You can view the entire article here:

<http://stunewslaguna.com/front-page-ii/14396-sister-cities-garden-112114#.VG-VRxJphv4.email>



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY JORJA PUMA.



Please visit our Facebook page "Laguna Beach Garden Club" for more photos!

LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB AWARDS \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP TO LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN



LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART+DESIGN



ELLEN, WITH LCAD'S SCHOLARSHIP BOARD, ACCEPTS \$1000 CHECK FROM LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB'S, NANCY LAWRENCE. PHOTO BY: JORJA PUMA

During our November board meeting at LCAD, on November 24, 2014, our club's very own, Nancy Lawrence, presented LCAD with a \$1000 scholarship. Ellen, who is on the scholarship board at LCAD, accepted the check on the school's behalf and extended many thanks for our club's generous contribution.



In Case You Missed It (continued)

Laguna Beach Beautification Council
hosts SHANGRI-LA GUNA

On November 19, Laguna Beach Beautification Council hosted its annual gala at the Montage Resort. This year's theme? Shangri-La Guna. With Ruben leading this incredible event, you really couldn't have expected this to be anything less than extraordinary, and extraordinary it was! There were a number of unique items for bid at the silent auction. All the individuals in attendance, the Asian attire, the food and drinks, the live entertainment, the decor, the laughter.... Every last bit of the night was just wonderful. How could you say no to an event as fun as this that also contributes to such a phenomenal cause? We couldn't!! And we hope you'll join us next year! Thank you to all who supported this wonderful evening!



NEW Volunteer of the Month

By: Lynn Jax



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, of the 20 or so members who helped plant The Sister City Garden in Heisler Park on Monday November 17, 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 November 2014 – Congratulations to **Connie Lawson** for her patience in alphabetizing and organizing the name tags at the Member Table for each meeting.

November's centerpiece was brought to you by

Patricia Weier

Thank you for your generosity! We are so grateful for you!

No Image Available

I was unable to attend November's meeting and therefore, missed out on capturing a photo of Patricia's centerpiece. Patricia, I am certain it was beautiful! If anyone has a photo of her centerpiece from our November meeting, please email it to me at: ADKblog@gmail.com. Thank you so much!
-Ashley King



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

Birgitta Schoen
Pam Lask
Jeanne Yale
Ruth Robertson
Lecia Davis
Gayle Whitaker
Ingrid Martinez

Suzanne Stocker
Fay Bowman
Barbara Deubert
Carol Miller
Faye Jacobs
Patricia Weier

In Case You Missed It (continued)

NOVEMBER'S GREEN THUMB PROJECT: LIVE WREATHS



out. Not only are they educational but they are so much fun as well!

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 garden, art and craft ideas!

Sign ups are available at our monthly general meetings.



Recap of our MEMBER TOUR to The Huntington

By: Lynn Jax

11/20/2014



On November 20, Tom Hensel once again organized a terrific day for the 34 Garden Club members who made the trek to San Marino to enjoy the beauty of what the Huntington has to offer. The Huntington consists of three major areas: the Library which houses rare books and manuscripts for qualified scholars and researchers to use (such as Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, a *Gutenberg Bible* on vellum, Audubon's *Birds of America*, and a world-class collection of Shakespeare's plays); the Art Gallery housed in the mansion with three main galleries displays Gainsborough's "Blue Boy", Lawrence's "Pinkie", and works by Mary Cassatt and Edward Hopper; and of course the Botanical Gardens. The gardens take up 120 acres on the estate left by railroad baron Henry Huntington and his wife Arabella. There are 8 different gardens: Desert, Japanese, Chinese, Subtropical, Herb, Jungle, Palm, and the stellar Rose Garden. The gardens not only display incredible rare specimens but statuary, beautiful trellis work and structures indigenous to each area. The Teaching Greenhouse arboretum is used to educate more than 12,000 children yearly, ages ranging from pre-school to high school.

Tom Carruth, the rose curator at the Huntington who spoke at our October meeting, took us on a private tour of the Rose Garden and surrounding areas. I felt privileged to see his transforming work in the garden in action. Then many of us took advantage of the hourly docent tours, which ours lasted more than one hour, to get a general overview of what is available to see in the Botanical Gardens. The last hour or so we were on our own to absorb as much as we could of this vast estate. Many of us then met in old, downtown Pasadena to eat at Cafe Santorini before heading home to arrive just prior to the rain that night.

An overnight trip would be the best use of travel time to enable any visitor to see all that the Huntington has to offer. I am definitely returning with my husband in the Spring.

Thank You Tom for this spectacular day.



Check out our Facebook page, "Laguna Beach Garden Club," for more photos from all of our events!





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.

WANTED: Two Assistants for V.P./ Programs Director

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 have moved to the East Coast at 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!

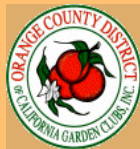
Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.
-John Wooden

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 our monthly meetings. We very much look forward to these treasured finds! Please contact Gloria Manders at (949) 494-4593 with any questions. Thank you so much!



WANTED: O.C. District Board Members



The Orange County District Board of Directors are currently looking for members to join their team for beginning September 2015. All positions will be open and will need to be filled. Each board member holds their title for 2 years. This is a fantastic opportunity for our club members to be a part of a fantastic organization. Contact **ELAINE DAVIS** at edavis1@cox.net for **more information or if you are interested in going for one of these positions.**

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-

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!



Upcoming EVENTS



GREEN THUMB PROJECT

There isn't a Green Thumb Project scheduled for the month of December, however, we will resume our regular schedule in January. Check next month's newsletter for details.



Give the gift of MEMBERSHIP! Know someone who has been thinking of joining? What better gift than an entire year of membership to our club? Giving them access to our guest speakers, our member tours, our green thumb projects & so much more, I can't think of a better gift to show you care! Stop by our Membership Table & see Polly Dix!

MEMBER HOLIDAY TOUR


**SIGN UP AT
OUR DEC.
MEETING!**

On Friday, **December 19, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**, join Tom and other Garden Club members, as we venture out on a tour of a few of our member's beautifully decorated homes, just in time for the holidays. Light refreshments will be served at the last home of the tour. More information will be available at our general meeting and/or by contacting Tom Hensel at (949) 494-0644.

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CHRISTMAS CABARET

at

LAGUNA NURSERY



Come join Saif Eddin & Friends for a night of Fantastic Music, Delicious Bites & Seasonal Beverages!

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

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Advance Tickets \$50 each. At the door \$60 each. Tickets can also be purchased in person at **Laguna Nursery** or by calling (949) 494-5200. We hope to see many of you there!! Seats are limited, so hurry and get yours today!!



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

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.





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, December 5, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Hospitality Night: Presented by Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce**– street closure begins at 3:30 p.m. – Please visit <http://us3.campaign-archive1.com/?u=f4f835f17be72150b72fdd8c0&id=6b0eb1d294&e=5ba0262fc3> to view the invitation & schedule of events.
-  **Sunday, December 7, 5:00 p.m.– FEAST OF LIGHTS – McKinney Theatre at Saddleback College** – Please visit <http://www.saddleback.edu/rsvp/feast-lights> to reserve your seats today!
-  **Wednesday, December 10, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Holiday Mixer (hosted by Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce) – Las Brisas – 360 Cliff Drive, LB 92651** – Please visit <http://us3.campaign-archive1.com/?u=f4f835f17be72150b72fdd8c0&id=9313204034&e=5ba0262fc3> to view the invitation & purchase tickets.
-  **Friday, December 12, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Monthly Club Meeting** – at Laguna Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall (see pg. 1 for details).
Board meeting to immediately follow.
-  **Friday, December 12, 6:30 – 10 p.m.** — Christmas Cabaret, featuring Saif Eddin & Friends at Laguna Nursery – 1370 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach (949) 494-5200 (see pg. 12 for info).
-  **Friday, December 19, 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** – Member Holiday Tour – Join Tom and others on this wonderful holiday tour of member's homes. (see pg. 11 for more details).