

# LAKE FOREST GARDEN CLUB ROSETTE

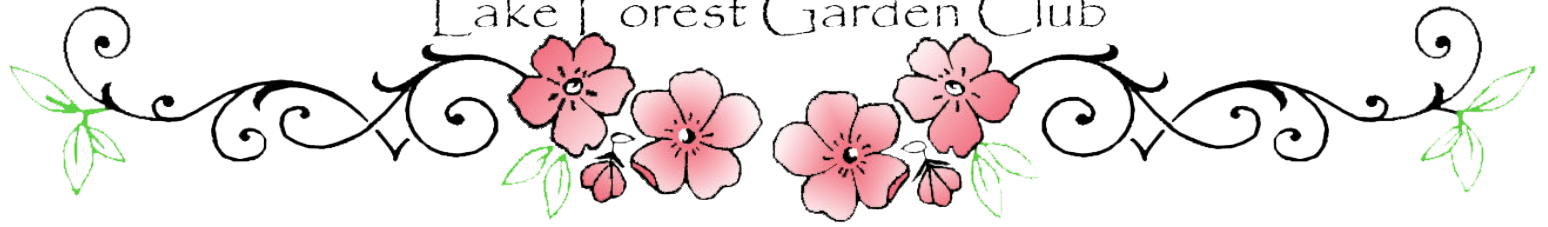


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## Lake Forest Garden Club



### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

President	Pat Chong
1st VP (Programs)	Barbara Hogan and Sandy Ueek
2nd VP (Membership)	Rita Bradley
3rd VP (Ways and Means)	Anne Breuer and Marilyn Hill
Recording Secretary	Roxie Aird
Treasurer	JoAnne Gillespie Asst.-Linda Martin
Corresponding Secretary	Pat Piecuch
Parliamentarian	Barbara Foster
Historian	Margie Carone

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

CGCI Representative	Pat Chong
City of Lake Forest Liaison	Martha McCarthy
Communications	Ginny Heard
Web Master/Newsletter	Latha Kumar
Publicity	Noel De Sota
Set up/Beach & Tennis Liaison	Carol Giovinnazzo
Garden Exchange	Wendy McCalley
Greeters	Bev Vargish (Lead)
Hospice	Nadine Melberg
Hospitality	Cheryl Weaver
Inspiration	Geri Medway
Butterfly/Pollinator Kits	Barb Hochgesang and Neela Khanlokar
Pre-School Garden	Bev Vargish
Scholarships	Linda Martin
Penny Pines	Susan Delaney Suzanne Stephens
Flower Show (April)	TBD
Philanthropy	TBD
Trips & Tours / Garden Tour	TBD

### LAKE FOREST BEACH & TENNIS CLUB

22921 Ridge Route Drive,  
Lake Forest, CA 92630

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our annual Valentines Tea on Friday, February 17th is just a few days away. We know this is after the actual Valentines Day on February 14th, but it is such a lovely and colorful holiday that we like to extend the celebration.

This year we are also calling it a Membership Tea and inviting friends who you think might like to join. We will be decorating our tables with a Valentine theme, so bring hearts and flowers along with pretty teapots, cups, and saucers. There will be a prize for the best hat (or fascinator), so get creative.

If you aren't into hats and teapots, come anyway. Enjoy the delicious offerings brought by our members and hear the outstanding speaker from Fuji's Wholesale Flowers. See more information about this fun event in the articles that follow.

*Pat Chong*

President 2022-2023

*Where there is a garden, there is hope*

### MEMBERSHIP

Word is getting around that our Lake Forest Garden Club is the club to join. This January, we had six new members join and one member who rejoined. Please welcome the following to our garden club: Joan England, Mary Alagawa, Mat Waller, Sandy West, Barbara Hudgins, Jacki Fucinari and Sandy Stang. A common comment is that the members are all so friendly; this is a GREAT compliment to our club members who are reaching out to greet the newcomers.

A big "THANK YOU!" to our new members who were at one or more of the succulent planting workshops. These new members - Pat Janes, Roxana Torres, Debbie Arrin and Kathy Wheaton - opened their hearts and lent their hands to help the club in one of the many activities to prepare items for the Annual Boutique. Debbie stated it was great, she learned a lot, and would do this again.

We will have many more upcoming activities to support our Spring Boutique (our sole fundraiser). All new and "more seasoned" members of our club are encouraged to participate in any of these! They provide a great opportunity to expand/deepen friendships and increase/grow skills at gardening/horticultural/philanthropy related areas.

Being new as the Chair of the Membership Committee this fiscal year, it has become an honor and privilege to get to know the new members who have chosen to join our wonderfully active Lake Forest Garden Club.

**RITA BRADLEY**

## SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

### LAKE FOREST GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS CONTRIBUTING TO THE LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY



#### NOEL DE SOTA

Received the Master Gardener Golden Trowel Award November 5, 2022,  
(Nominated and selected by Master Gardeners of Orange County)

Noel De Sota became a Master Gardener in 2018 and was instrumental in the success of our first online training class. She is co-lead for the 2023 Master Gardener training class. She organized the selection process for new Master Gardeners including the application, application review, and interview process. She is a lead on the General Meeting Planning Team, and active with the Propagation Team, the Pop-ups, and the Youth Demonstration Garden.

In addition to being a Master Food Preserver, Noel has served as a liaison with the Lake Forest Garden Club that has sponsored Master Gardener training scholarships. In her own words, "When I leave SCREC I feel such a sense of community with information to share".

#### VIRGINIA (GINNY) HEARD

Master Food Preserver - Graduated 2022

Ginny is a Lake Forest Garden Club member several years and has held several positions including Co-President for 2 years. Ginny has been instrumental with motivating members and creating several projects. She is always willing to help anywhere she is needed.



#### JANINE LAPINSKI

Master Gardener in Training 2023 Class

Janine was accepted into the 2023 Master Gardener Program. Out of 130 applicants only "34" Trainees were accepted.

Janine has been a Lake Forest Garden Club member since 2000. She has contributed hours and hours of volunteer time for several different projects.

She stated, "I am honored to have been chosen for the UC Master Gardener program".

This opportunity has been a long time goal of hers. She is so excited to start this new adventure.



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## CORRESPONDENCE

As the correspondence secretary, Pat Piecuch, sends cards to members who are not feeling well, had surgery, need some cheer, been taking care of their loved ones or have not been seen at the meetings for a while. Please let us know the name & situation & she will be able to send a special note to them on behalf of the club and its members.

#### CONTACT: PAT PIECUCH

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Phone: 949-433-4330

## PROGRAMS

The February 17th Garden Club program, always includes our popular Valentine's High Tea, featuring special teas, tea cups, beautiful place settings and special crudities. In addition, and to get ready for creating special arrangements to sell at our upcoming LFGC Boutique just prior to Mother's Day, we have a special guest from Fuji Wholesale Flowers of Mission Viejo.



*Chelsea Ashbury*, one of the designers at Fuji Flowers will be meeting with us and providing instructions on how to create beautiful and enticing flower arrangements. Chelsea graduated from Fresno State with a BA in Business and an AA in floral design. As part of a farming family, Chelsea regularly ran through the fields picking wild flowers to arrange on the dinner table.

Chelsea's passion for flower arranging continued, even creating the flowers for her own wedding. In 2021, Chelsea was given the opportunity to start a floral career with Fuji Wholesale Flowers, where she says it is "pure joy" to design floral art for the customers. We are happy to have Chelsea share her knowledge with us this month.

Fuji Wholesale Flowers have been 'in bloom' since 1986 and are family owned and operated, committed to offering only the finest floral arrangements and gifts, backed by service that is friendly and prompt. The professional staff is dedicated to making a visit there a pleasant one, always going the extra mile to make a floral gift perfect.

Fuji is proud to offer to the public flowers at wholesale prices. New partnership with flower growers in California, Ecuador and around the world have also enabled them to constantly bring other new flowers and plants to the industry and expand other lines of service.

Barbara Hogan and Sandy Ueck

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## BOUTIQUE NEWS

Hello Gardeners,

Even though it rained, we completed three very wonderful succulent workshops. We now have 125 succulent containers, 18 Kokodamas and 5 wreaths.

As we prepare for the Spring Boutique and Plant Sale (held on Saturday, May 13, 2023) we REALLY NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION AND HELP to make this the best Boutique ever.

Things to do between now and May 13th to help us have wonderful items for our much anticipated annual fundraiser:

1. Start propagating seeds for the flower/herb baskets.
2. Save pretty baskets for the Basket Creating Workshop (late Mar/early Apr).
3. Take cuttings of your favorite perennials and propagate new ones for the plant table.
4. Decide what your contribution to the Boutique will be and let Bonnie Oakden know at the next General Meeting on February 17th.
5. Look out for and save raffle items. Ask your favorite stores for gift cards or services.

Fabulous Finds needs a Chairperson.

There are helpers, but we need someone to step up and be willing to head this committee.

**Anne Breuer**

**Ways and Means**

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## HOSPICE FLOWERS

The hospice flower committee will be cleaning flowers from Fuji Warehouse and Albertsons at 9 am and arranging flowers for Memorial Hospice out of Saddleback hospital around 9:30 at Beach and Tennis Club on March 17.

Please help us with needed cleaned greens to add to our arrangements. Greens need to be at least 12 inches long with stems free of leaves the last 6 inches. (Leaves in water can cause bacteria.)

We do make arrangements for LFGC members who are ill or bedridden. There is a list by the ribbons table for needed extra arrangements if listed by 9:30 am on the 17th. Or you can email me at [nadine.melberg@gmail.com](mailto:nadine.melberg@gmail.com) with the name of the member needing a cheery arrangement.

Please come and join us to create these floral arrangements. We will pair you with someone familiar with our process if you wish to join us for the first time. All are welcome.



## INSPIRATION

Look For The Good

In the New Year, let's resolve  
to get less stressed, upset, anxious  
about things over which we have no control.

Let's have a narrower focus on our lives,  
loving and helping our family and friends,  
making our community a better place to live,  
to create peace and contentment.

In the New Year, let's resolve  
to pay less attention to depressing stories  
on TV, in magazines and newspapers,  
and to stop focusing on what we want  
that we haven't got,  
instead of appreciating  
the many blessings we do have.

In the New Year, let's look for the good.

We may have to search  
through a mass of negative media,  
but the good is there,  
all around us.

I wish for you a New Year filled with good,  
engulfed in serenity and happiness!

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## PENNY PINES

Newbies Susan and Suzanne are pleased to announce that we have figured out the Penny Pines process from start to finish! We have collected \$68 from LFGC members since September and successfully submitted a donation for a Penny Pines plantation in the Cleveland National Forest in memory of former officer and long-time LFGC member Beckie Splittgerber. We have also received a donation from Pat Picuch of \$68 for a plantation in memory of her husband, Richard Picuch, which will be sent out this week.

We look forward to receiving more donations to help place additional plantations in our California National Forests which are still recuperating from devastating fires.

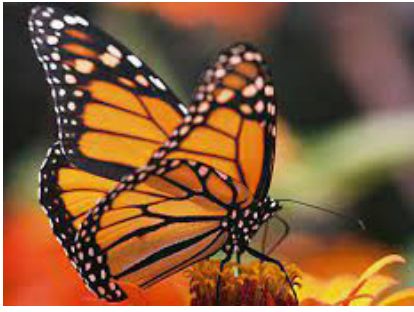
Thanks, everyone, for your donations. Please remember to give a dollar or so at meetings. - **Susan Delaney and Suzanne Stephens**

## WEBSITE NEWS - LAKEFORESTGARDENCLUB.NET

We are in the process of populating the Roster of membership page with our photos so we can recognize each other! Please take a look at the [lakeforestgardenclub.net](http://lakeforestgardenclub.net) (password required for Member's Roster page). If your photo and/or name is not there, please email a selfie photo to Susan Delaney [sgracedelaney@gmail.com](mailto:sgracedelaney@gmail.com) or to Rita Bradley [ritamarie7@me.com](mailto:ritamarie7@me.com). If you have not received the updated log-in for the LFGC website, please contact Susan or Rita. Find the pull-down menu for the "roster" and look for your photo. Also, if your photo is outdated, please send in a more recent one! Thanks!

**Susan Delaney**

## BUTTERFLY KITS



Invitations for butterfly kits went out to the primary grade teachers in the Saddleback School District in January. The responses are still coming in and have been enthusiastic.

This year there will be a few changes to our program. We no longer use tropical milkweed seeds from our garden because the plants have been declared harmful for the Monarch butterflies. We used native milkweed seeds last year, but they took weeks to germinate and had low germination rates. So this year we will be substituting zinnia seeds. Zinnias are a nectar plant for many butterfly species and they are easier to grow.

We will be assembling our butterfly kits and delivering them to the area schools in mid April. We need lots of hands to assemble the kits, so watch for an opportunity to sign up and help later this Spring.

**Barb Hochgesang and Neela Khanolkar – Butterfly Kits Co-chairs**

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

New Executive Board our Club's next 2 Fiscal Years 2023-2025 - Barbara Foster, Parliamentarian

I need 2-3 individuals to come alongside me to find and recruit willing members to field our next 2 years in the executive positions of the Lake Forest Garden Club. The job of this committee is to meet together, speak with members and find/submit those willing members to fill the following Executive Positions. Working in reverse with the end in mind, here's the timeline of that process:

### **June 9, 2023 (2nd Friday):**

This is our last 2022-2023 General Meeting and we have an Installation Ceremony of new Executive Officers. We also recognize all Exec/Committee Chairs who've served through the previous year.

### **May 19, 2023**

During the General Meeting, we VOTE! This is for the election of Executive positions for 2023-2024/2025.

**Feb/Mar/Apr:** we vote in May, but we start recruiting people to nominate for these positions soon!

Here's a list of Executive Positions from our BYLAWS which require a VOTE of the members:

President

First Vice President (Programs)

Second Vice President (Membership)

Note: Rita Bradley will be continuing 2023-2024, but is requesting a helper (not a voted position for helper)

Third Vice President (Ways & Means)

Treasurer

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary (Note: Pat Picuch will be continuing 2023-2024)

*Note:*

*A Parliamentarian & Historian shall be appointed as officers by the incoming President and serve on the Executive Board*

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please let me know as soon as possible! Volunteering and serving is the lifeblood of any non-profit/philanthropic club, such as ours. Thank you! - **Barbara Foster - Parliamentarian**

## CGCI NEWS

The CGCI Orange County District Meeting that was scheduled to meet in Lake Forest on February 27, has been changed to a Zoom meeting on that date. A zoom invitation will be sent to all members.

We will hostess the June 12, 2023 meeting at our club. It is always a fun meeting where there is a silent auction and we learn what other clubs are doing.

What is CGCI? California Garden Clubs, Inc. is part of Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. There are 16,863 members in 249 clubs. In California. Lake Forest Garden Club belongs to the Orange County District in which there are 13 clubs that meet quarterly. We presently have 2 officers on the OC CGCI board, Pat Chong and Linda Martin, and anyone interested in a board position can let Pat or Linda know.

## HOSPITALITY

### ANNUAL VALENTINE'S TEA

February 17th.

Here are some particulars:

- The round tables will be covered with white tablecloths by 9:15am
- The Hospitality Committee will provide plates, napkins, "silverware", hot water, sugar, cream, and a selection of teas.
- Members should feel free to bring teas they would like to share at their table or to give to the committee to share with everyone.
- Members are asked to bring a teapot (if they have one), and all members are asked to bring a teacup. Members are also asked to bring any table decorations appropriate for a tea party table. These could include tiered trays, flowers, ribbons/lace, small (battery operated) candles, Valentine's Day knick-knacks and decor, etc. The "ad hoc" creativity of this club is so fun! Remember, if you are so inclined, to top off your attire with a hat or fascinator for our tea party.
- Treats for the Tea are also to be brought by members. These could include scones, petit sandwiches, chocolates, fruit and/or nut breads cut into bite-size pieces, quiche slices, etc. All treats will be placed on the rectangular serving tables in the back of the room, and members will go around the tables to select items and return to their seats.

Please try to arrive during the Social Hour (9:30-10:30am), and, if possible, before 10am with your goodies so we can have them arranged, and you can decorate your round table before our Tea and our Business Meeting.

CONTACT: CHERYL WEAVER

(For suggestions re. Hospitality, please text Cheryl Weaver, Anna Waugh, or Diane Boeck.)



## Just For Laughs



## Think Positive

