

LAKE FOREST GARDEN CLUB ROSETTE



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Lake Forest Garden Club



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LAKE FOREST BEACH & TENNIS CLUB

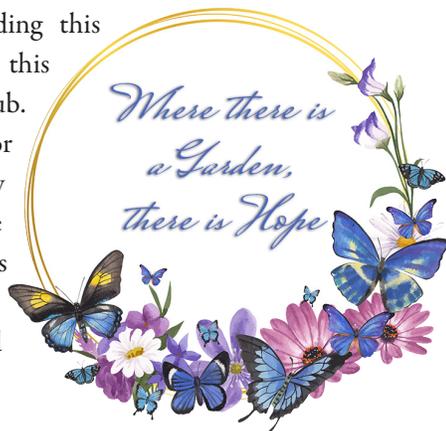
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is just a few weeks away, and we've already had our first LFGC Board Meeting. Our September General Meeting at the Beach and Tennis Club will be Friday, September 16, 2022. Come 'join the garden of new and old members' as we mix it up in our 9:30-10:30 Social Hour. Get your picture taken for our website! Enjoy meeting our Board and Committee members and finding out how you can volunteer and add your unique skills and areas of interest to our wonderful Lake Forest Garden Club family of friends. There are still committee positions available, and, as your President, I would be thrilled to have you volunteer and help us reach our goals of philanthropy and education.

Please see what's happening in our club by reading this newsletter, and find the look ahead to the programs this year and c'mon down to the Beach & Tennis Club. Our Business Meeting is 10:30 - 11:00. And, stay for the Guerrilla Gardening presentation and activity by two of our own members – something new! We are excited for the opportunities this new year has already opened up for us. So, as the sun sets on Summer, let's come together to renew old acquaintances and meet our newest members.

Pat Chong



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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GARDEN EXCHANGE

We have a place to share cuttings, bulbs, and any overabundance of produce from our gardens at our General Meetings. It's called "Garden Exchange". This is the place to also bring anything you've been propagating to share (our LFGC summer challenge). For every item you donate, you may take another. Or, you may buy others' generous donations for \$1.00 each.

Stop by the Garden Exchange table on Sept.16th during Social Hour! I look forward to seeing you there!

WENDY MCCALLEY

PROGRAMS

<p><u>2022-2023 OVERVIEW</u></p> <p>A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR PROGRAMS (*not a 3rd Fri meeting date) <i>Mark your calendars!</i></p>		<p>SEPT. 16, 2022</p> <p>GUERRILLA GARDENING PROJECTS</p> <p>Noel De Sota & Ginny Heard</p>	<p>OCT. 21, 2022</p> <p>GARDENS AROUND THE WORLD</p> <p>Kris Bonner</p>
<p>NOV. 18, 2022</p> <p>COOL SEASON VEGGIES</p> <p>Brian Hale <i>Master Gardener</i></p>	<p>*DEC. 8, 2022</p> <p>HOLIDAY MUSIC AND POTLUCK</p> <p>Kim Beany</p>	<p>JAN. 20, 2023</p> <p>THE TOMATO GUY</p> <p>Dave Freed</p>	<p>FEB. 17, 2023</p> <p>FLORAL DESIGN & HIGH TEA</p> <p>Speaker from Fuji Flowers</p>
<p>MAR. 17, 2023</p> <p>SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY/ VERMICULTURE</p> <p>Caleb Finn <i>Circular Solutions</i></p>	<p>APR. 21, 2023</p> <p>BEEES or RATS or EMERGING TREE PESTS</p> <p>Speaker from <i>Master Gardeners</i></p>	<p>MAY 19, 2023</p> <p>GARDEN TOOL MAINTENANCE</p> <p>Ed & John <i>Master Gardeners</i></p>	<p>*JUNE 9, 2023</p> <p>INSTALLATION & POTLUCK</p>

WHAT'S UP ON SEPT 16TH?

Won't it be great to get back together again?

Please come for the Social Hour/Meet & Greet from 9:30-10:30am on Friday, September 16, 2022.

1. Get re-acquainted with returning members.
2. Meet our newest members.
3. It's time to have your picture taken/updated for the website (or you can provide your own...think passport photo type - portrait).
4. Meet and Greet this year's "Committee Chairs" (and find out which ones are still available to step into). See how/where you can plug in to add your skills to the FUN-ctioning of our garden club! Tables will be set up during the Meet & Greet time starting at 9:30am with many of the following committees represented:

Programs

Membership

Ways & Means

Corresponding Secretary

Historian

Communications

Newsletter and Facebook Page

Butterfly Kits

Hospice

Hospitality

Garden Exchange

Apr Flower Show (needs to be filled)

Penny Pines (needs to be filled)

Philanthropy (needs to be filled)

Trips & Tours (needs to be filled)

From 10:30-11:00am (following the Meet & Greet) will be our Club's Business Meeting. Our Program for September will be "Guerrilla Gardening Projects" presented by our members Noel De Sota and Ginny Heard. They'll present a new series of meeting day workshops (beginning at 9:15am sharp on the workshop days). These will provide opportunities to 12 folks at minimal investment (definitely \$20 or less) to create items with an eye toward making personal gifts and items for the Spring Boutique and/or learning a new skill that relates to the program of that day. This is a new idea for our club and should add to the fun and energy of our meeting days. Please join us as we roll out our 2022-23 season!

HOSPICE FLOWERS

Hospice Flowers will again be on the third Friday of the month during the LFGC general meeting at the Beach and Tennis Club. (*Exceptions will be in December and summer months*).

We welcome all to join us making floral arrangements for Memorial Care Hospice out of Saddleback Hospital. We also make a large floral arrangement for the front desk and many arrangements for members who might have health or stressful events in their lives. Our hope is to bring a smile to many who are finding daily life overwhelming.

Fuji Wholesale and Albertson's donate many lovely flowers to us but we do need additional greens to help fill the floral arrangements. Greens need to be cleaned so no leaves will be in the water, helping to prevent bacteria in the arrangements since we are usually giving the flowers to people with compromised health issues. It is best to pick greens on Thursday to allow them to be refreshed since a new cut opens up the cells and allows the greens to live longer in the arrangement.

Come a little before 9 am to help clean flowers from Albertsons. We usually start arranging flowers around 9:20. Memorial Care volunteers Ed or Karen come to pick the completed arrangements around 10 am. There is a list of members that are receiving extra arrangements that need to be delivered after our meeting.

We are a friendly group and would love to help new people join us. We will match someone with you to help you if you are new. It's always good to come early and learn how to clean the expired flowers we receive from Albertsons as well as meet other members of LFGC.



MEMBERSHIP

We are excited for this new year cultivating friendships among our current/new/future members this year. The 2022-2023 LFGC Member Directory will soon be in production to be distributed at our September 16, 2022 meeting. We need you to verify/correct your information quickly by Sept. 5th at 6 pm if there are any corrections to be made.

Sending a big "Thank You!" to all who have sent their headshot photo for the members only section of our website (lakeforestgardenclub.net). It is so helpful to connect names with faces. If we do not have your picture yet, you may send those (think passport photo) to me, Membership/Rita Bradley at ritamarie7@me.com. We can also take your pics during the Meet & Greet Social Hour (9:30-10:30am) of our September General Meeting on 9/16/22.

We've been adding to our membership during the Summer, and we held an informal gathering of a handful of seasoned members and most of the newer members (one even by Facetime) at Heritage Hill on Tuesday, August 30th. It was a particularly warm day, and the icebreaker also did much to warm up the conversation. Many found connection in common threads of interest or experiences or locations we've lived. A standard theme also seemed to be: "Grow the right plant, in the right place, at the right time."

So, at our September General Meeting, please look for and welcome our newest and rejoining members with the wonderful warmth our club is noted for. They are: Aidan Picuch, Ashley Ung, Debby Arrin, Denise Nguyen, Donna Hoo, Fran Greenbaum, Jeanie Villalva, May Aoyagi, Neela Khanolkar, Susan Delaney, Suzanne Stephens, and Heidi Brickey.

FOCUS ON PHILANTHROPY

HOSPICE FLOWERS

Hospice Flowers has been a part of LFGC's philanthropy program for many years. We have a great resource from both Fuji Warehouse and Albertson's off Muirlands and Ridge Route who donate flowers each month for our mission to bring joy to those who find themselves using hospice through Saddleback's Memorial Care Hospice. Masoud Badie is the owner of Fuji and generously donates each month of the year since 2000 and the current manager at Albertson's goes out of his way to charge us for only one bunch of flowers and donating it's expired flowers each month. *(Please take a moment to thank them when you visit their facilities. They are both are happy to help us with this great program in a community effort to bring smiles to so many people.)*

Memorial Care Hospice is excited to have our donation of floral arrangements each month. It allows the volunteers visiting hospice families to see a smiling face on their hospice patients as well as their families. We work with Karen Muscariello and Ed Harcharik each month to make this relationship thrive.



One of them even come to us each month to pick up these arrangements for their clientele.

On a personal note, I joined the LFGC in 2004 after retiring from teaching and have participated in the hospice floral group since that introduction to LFGC. It is a wonderful way to contribute to our club's service to the community through my love of floral arranging. We have a group of inspiring creative women who wish to share with each other, our club and our community outreach.

Please come and join us by coming early to our monthly meetings at the Beach and Tennis Club (or at my home during Christmas and the summer) to give back to our club and community. We try to make additional arrangements for members of our club each month in need of a cheerful gesture through being made aware of these needs through our corresponding secretary Pat Piecuch's notices to our committee when someone is ill or bereaved.

Hospice Committee Chairperson, Nadine Melberg

[Fuji Wholesale sells to the public and is at Ste H 23362 Madero Road, Mission Viejo CA 92691. 949-837-7690]

DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPING IDEAS

Brought to you by Better Homes and Garden

Don't let water use restrictions put a damper on your garden dreams. Plenty of beautiful plants thrive in dry conditions. Xeriscaping techniques can help you make the most of limited moisture. Create a gorgeous, water-saving yard with these drought-tolerant landscaping ideas.



WATER - THRIFTY PLANTS

This drought-tolerant garden uses several water-saving strategies. A mix of tough but colorful perennials such as the red-flowered penstemon don't require much supplemental moisture to thrive. Several varieties of evergreens that don't mind dry conditions offer structure, height, and color. An oversize boulder fills in a gap between the plants.

GROUNDCOVER!

Use groundcovers as a living mulch to slow water evaporation in your drought-tolerant landscape. These low-growing plants also can help minimize water runoff from hardscaping such as steps and sidewalks. Water-wise perennials such as thyme, sedum, and sea thrift are small enough to be tucked between and around stone steps.

LAWNS ARE NOTORIOUS...

Lawns are notorious water-guzzlers as we all know, and some need constant irrigation to stay green during a drought. Perhaps it is a good idea to adopt 'Brown is the new green' until our water table stabilizes.

Replacing at least part of your lawn with water-wise plantings will help you create a more drought-tolerant landscape.

USE HARDSCAPE

Many plants supply showy blooms but require tons of water; in place of them, hardscape elements like this circular walkway of pavers around a gravel center furnish visual interest. Garden art, like the sculptures of a whimsical cat and an orb, also can offer interest in place of water-needy plants.

PARKING STRIPS CAN LOOK BEAUTIFUL

The spaces between the curb and sidewalk are sometimes known as "hellstrips" because they tend to be hot, dry places. But they can also become a lush oasis with the right water-wise design.

Drought-tolerant plants such as ornamental grasses, low-growing evergreens, and artemisia in this parking strip garden will look gorgeous and help conserve water.



We would love to hear from any of you who have already put such gardens in place. Help us raise awareness of the importance of conserving water.