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**LFGC ROSETTE****MARCH 2024***"My Garden, My Happy Place"*

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Lake Forest Garden Club**22921 Ridge Route Drive, Lake Forest, CA 92630**

General Meetings are on the 3rd Friday of each month

9:30 – 10:30 Social Hour**10:30-11:00 Club Business****11:00 to noon Program Speaker****MARCH 16, 2024 - PROGRAM****TOPIC: GOURDS****You won't want to miss our March program on gourds.**

We have had Debbie Zimmerman before and she is a dynamic speaker. In April...Fuchsias !

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello fellow Gardeners,

I am looking forward to our March program, Gourds. **A fun fact I just learned about gourds: They are a fruit.**

Pumpkins are squash and also gourds, and also... fruit. At least according to the Farmer's Almanac, all of those edible, seed-filled squash and gourds are fruit. I am sure we will learn a lot more about gourds at the general

meeting in March.

Also in March, we will begin to look for the next board members and committee members. We will select 2 members from the membership to join the nominating committee. Start to think about what you would like to do next year in the club, and how you might serve. It's a wonderful way to learn new things and make new, ever lasting friendships.

Plus, please take care of any plants you are growing for the Boutique in May. Our scholarships depend on this wonderful fundraiser, and the public depend on us to provide them with our wonderful creations on the day before Mothers Day. We need someone to volunteer to assist with the tillandsia table.

See you on the 15th.

Anne Breuer
President

My Garden, My Happy Place



PENNY PINES

Trees! Trees! Trees! Lot's to talk about this month. At our February Tea general meeting, \$31.51 was collected for the Penny Pines Program . This amount enables us to purchase one more plantation from the LFGC. In addition, we will be purchasing one more plantation in memory of Rose Armstrong, who was a long time LakeForest Garden Club member. So far this year, we have purchased two plantations from our club donations, and one plantation "in honor of."

This month Arbor Day, which is a tree planting holiday, is celebrated across the nation. This holiday began

way back in April 1872 in Nebraska. Over 1 million trees were planted across the state on that day. California actually celebrates this holiday for one whole week – March 7–14. Even though our general garden club meeting is on March 15, it would be a nice gesture to contribute to Penny Pines in the spirit of Arbor Day.

Another great opportunity to consider being supportive of the Penny Pines reforestation program is Earth Day. This year it will be held on April 20, which is the day after our general meeting. You may want to consider purchasing your very own plantation for \$68 in order to help celebrate trees.

In closing, here's a beautiful quote to reflect on:

“When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and the seeds of hope.”

Wangari Maathai

SUSAN AND SUZANNE

HOSPICE

Come and create smiles for so many people by helping to make these flower arrangements.

Please come and join the hospice committee on March 21. We would love to have you join us in creating arrangements for Memorial Care Hospice out of Saddleback Hospital. We are friendly and will help you start an arrangement by teaming you up with a committee member on your first arrangement.

If you have a garden, please bring some greens that are at least 12 inches in length to add to the flowers from Albertsons and Fuji. Greens are best when they have been picked/cleaned preferably the evening before to allow them to be supersaturated for arrangements. For the arrangements, please remove the last 6 inches of the greens since leaves left on the stem cause bacteria to form in the water and these people already have fragile immune systems.

The cleaning of greens and flowers from Albertson's and Fuji will begin at 9 am at the club while the arranging of flowers for hospice, the Lake Forest Beach and Tennis club desk, and the vases for ill/bereaved members will begin at 9:20 am or after all flowers are cleaned.

NADINE MELBERG



“Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.”

Luther Burbank

American Botanist, Horticulturist
and Pioneer in Agricultural Science

COMMUNICATIONS

California State Garden Club Newsletter.

Here is a link to the March April CGCI newsletter. I think you'll enjoy it;

To subscribe or view past issues, please visit their website

Please click on link below for the newsletter

www.californiagardenclubs.com/cgcinewsletters

SUSAN DELANEY

MEMBERSHIP

How quickly this garden year has been passing by! So many memories are being created with the activities & speakers.

Please welcome a new addition to our club, Carrie Heald. Carrie is a Beach & Tennis Club member who swims in the morning. She met Anna who shared the many benefits of the club with her. Carrie so enjoyed the "tea" meeting with the speaker that she joined. Thank you to all who welcomed her at their table.

June will be the last meeting of this fiscal year. I will start collecting renewal memberships in April & May. These checks will not be cashed until we are in the new fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2024.

RITA BRADLEY

CORRESPONDENCE

It is my pleasure to represent the Lake Forest Garden Club in recognizing members who are either ill or who have lost a loved one. Please contact Pat Piecuch if you are aware of a member in plight.

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TRIPS AND TOURS

Two Fabulous Field Trips - Coming up on March 17 and April 17.

1. Niguel Botanical Preserve

March 21, 2024, 10:00 AM

The 18 acre Niguel Botanical Preserve displays plants appropriate to Southern California, collected

from five areas of the world with similar Mediterranean climates.

29751 Crown Valley Parkway, in Laguna Niguel above Crown Valley Park.

No charge for self-guided tours, and free parking. Sign up by texting Pat Chong at 949-510-0090



2. The Carlsbad Flower Fields and Wiedners Gardens

April 17, 2024

The Carlsbad Flower Fields are known for their acres of colorful ranunculas, plus a sweet pea maze, the artist garden, a bird aviary, illusion garden, a butterfly sculpture garden., a demonstration garden and more. It also has a guided wagon ride tour of the flower fields where you can see a 300'x 170' American Flag of petunias.

The Flower Fields are located at [5704 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA](#)

The entrance fee is \$23 for Adults and \$21 for Seniors and must be purchased on line in advance at theflowerfields.com. Parking is free. When you have made your reservation, please let Pat Chong know by texting her at 949-510-0090.



Weidners Gardens

695 Normandy Rd, Encinitas, CA

A lovely and practical Encinitas nursery. It is a retail and wholesale nursery and gift shop that is known for quality plants at reasonable prices.

PAT CHONG

UPPER NEWPORT BAY NATURE PRESERVE - FEB, 15, 2024

An eye opening experience!



ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER - FEB 15, 2024

*The ENC lived up to it's mission by
providing transformative experiences
through connection with nature.*

Another fantastic field trip!



PRESCHOOL GARDEN - SPRING PLANTING

One of our LFGC fun events is helping the youngsters of the Lake Forest Preschool (onsite) plant their seasonal garden. This spring we are planning on planting on April 12th. This is a great opportunity for you to connect with our little ones and help them understand where their food comes from.

We will be looking for volunteers at the next meeting on March 15th.
Look for the sign-up sheet if you are interested.

BEV VARGISH AND BONNIE OAKDEN

HOSPITALITY

Can you believe it is already March? Last year the Hospitality Committee served Irish Soda Bread and it seemed to be a big hit. So, in addition to our granola bars and some fruit, we will have Irish Soda Bread with several toppings from which to choose.

If any members would like to contribute a topping or a treat for the snack table, please feel free to place it on the table with a note including your name, the name of the treat, and any cautions such as nuts.

Thank you to all the members who were able to attend the February tea and brought such delicious food to share. The tables were beautifully decorated and everyone seemed to have a great time. Hospitality greatly appreciated those members who helped clear tables making cleanup so much easier. The LFGC is the best!!!

Your Hospitality Committee

CHERYL WEAVER, DIANE BOECK, and ANNA WAUGH

BUTTERFLY KITS

Sixty teachers have requested butterfly kits from our garden club this year!

We will assemble the kits on Monday, April 8th from 9:00-11:00.

We need helpers to assemble the kits and drivers to deliver the kits to the schools.

Please volunteer to help on the sign-up sheet available at our March meeting!

BARB HOCHGESANG

WAYS AND MEANS

Flower baskets will be done on Tuesday, April 16th, at my home.

Address: [22091 Bellcroft Drive, Lake Forest](#) | Ph: 949 939 8869.

If you could start collecting small to medium baskets for the flower baskets. We also need moss to put in

the baskets before we put them out for the boutique.

MARILYN HILL

FLOWER SHOW

Our Flower Show committee (Ramilla Lewis, Cheryl Weaver, Vicky Kamen, and Judy Flores) will be organizing a LFGC Flower Show for the April General Meeting.

The Flower Show will be open to any and all members and you may enter multiple flowers/plants in any category. Prize ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, as well as Gift Certificates for all 1st place winners and Best of Show.

Details will be discussed at the March General Meeting,
but here are some of the rules and guidelines:

**All LFGC members are eligible to vote at the flower show and will receive tickets as they check in on the day of the Show/Meeting.*

*Categories for the Flower Show are: Best Orchid, Most Unusual Color, Most Fragrant, Miniature Flower, *Miniature/Fairy Garden, Best Non-Rose Flower

*Best Rose

*Best of Show

*For Miniature/Fairy Garden entries, novelty containers may be used.

*Orchids may be in their usual containers

*All other entries are to be in a clear glass or plastic bud vase.

All flowers must be at the clubhouse by 10 AM.

*All flowers must come from your garden.

All natural materials are to be used in the landscape of any miniature garden.

Have fun planning your entries for our 2024 LFGC Flower Show!



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