

LAKE FOREST GARDEN CLUB ROSETTE



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Lake Forest Garden Club



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Activities	TBD
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Flower Show (April)	TBD
Garden Tour	TBD
Philanthropic	TBD
Pre-School Garden	Bev Vargish
Scholarships	Dorina Tan
Trips & Tours	TBD
Garden Exchange	Rita Bradley
Seed Exchange	Karen O'Brien

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Boutique is just a month away and I'm excited. It's the high light of the garden club year. All the planting and planning culminates on the day before Mother's Day.

At 6:00AM the set-up crew, including sleepy but mostly willing husbands, begin assembling the pop-ups. By 8:00AM the tables are loaded with greenery, and we are ready for the eager shoppers lined up at the entrance. Gardeners with wagons, kids, and a few dogs browse and buy the fruits of our labor. By 1:00PM the plants and Fabulous Finds are mostly gone, and we are weary but happy with another successful Boutique. Be a part of the success.

There's a place for everyone to help. Starting on Friday morning, April 6th we will primp the plant baskets with bows, manicure the succulents that have been tended in our backyards, and assemble the floral arrangements. We work, laugh, and eat, and then we do it again on Saturday, the big day.

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Pat Chong

"Where There is a Garden, there is Hope"

PLANT DEPOT
MARCH 11, 2022



PROGRAMS

Your LFGC Programs Committee has been busy with various activities recently.

In early March, we hosted the Employee Appreciation Luncheon for the employees of the Beach & Tennis Club where we hold our meetings. The clubhouse team has always been responsive and eager to help us in many ways, and it is a pleasure to give back to them with this luncheon. This year, we provided box lunches, along with a Scratcher lottery ticket and a packet of our LFGC seeds.



Many thanks to our March speaker, member Kris Bonner, speaking on the topic “Don’t Treat Your Soil Like Dirt.” Kris’ talk ran the gamut from types of soil, to soil analysis to all kinds of soil amendments.

Some tips from Kris:

- » Lake Forest area has Myford sandy loam soil with a pH of 6.2-7.0. It is 10-40% clay and slightly acidic.
- » To reduce water usage, mulch, mulch, mulch
- » Favorite tomato – pink Berkley Tie Dye
- » Great movie on Hulu – The Biggest Little Farm
- » To plant new seeds, make a finger indention on top soil, deposit a seed and cover with Perlite

Coming up in April, our speaker will be Elizabeth Wallace, who is a landscape architect in the Orange County area. She works with homeowners associations to enhance beauty, promote fire safety and improve the wildlife habitat with native plants. Her topic will be Healing Abandoned Land and will highlight the work she has done with the Teen Project in Trabuco Canyon.



Angelia McCormick with the hosted lunches ↑
Employees enjoying their Appreciation Lunch ↓



The correspondence secretary, Rita Bradley, sends card 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 her know the name & situation & she will be able to send a special note to them on the club’s behalf.



PLANT EXCHANGE OPEN TO ALL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

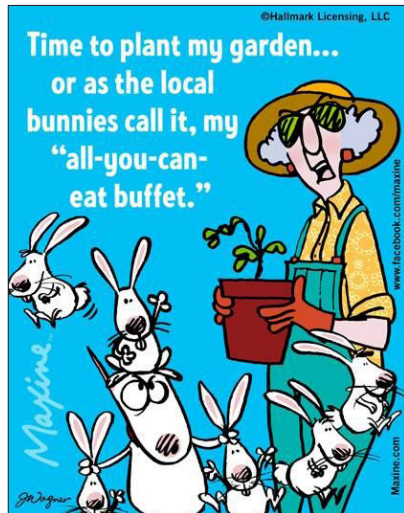
What’s growing in your garden this month?

Consider bringing a few of the following to share each month: fruits, herbs, plants, cuttings, seeds, and vegetables. Bring one and take one. If you don’t have anything to share, then it’s \$1 per item.

If you are sharing, please note the name and color of bloom. Please include any specific planting instructions that you think is necessary. Plants left over from the exchange will be sold the annual sale.

Contact Rita Bradley - 949.586.8818

Just for Laughs



BOUTIQUE "PREP" FRIDAY MAY 6, 8:00 A.M.

- **Planted baskets/succulent pots to be at Clubhouse 7:30-8:00**, so if you've been "baby-sitting these after the workshops, please bring them to the Clubhouse on Friday morning.
- We will be cleaning up, primping these plants, adding moss, stones, little décor, if available, pricing, etc., to prepare for the sale on Saturday. If you have any cute little items that would look good as additions to these baskets and pots, please bring them with you.
- We will also be making the **floral arrangements**, so if you've helped Nadine with Hospice flowers before or you wish to learn how to do this by the expert, please sign up to help with making beautiful arrangements. She will need a lot of helpers. All the vases, flowers and fillers will be available as well as pretty ribbon for bows. If you have vases you want to donate, you can bring them that day or to the General meeting in April.
- Another need we have is for **small wagons** for transporting sold items to customers' vehicles, as well as **strawberry boxes** (Costco) or other **sturdy small boxes** for transfer of pots/baskets/vases, etc. from clubhouse to the tables at the boutique. **If you donate the use of your wagons, please label them with your name and phone number.**

HOSPICE FLOWERS

All welcome to join us early on April 20 (Wednesday as our regular LFGC meeting is on Good Friday). (9 am to help clean flowers & 9:20 to create arrangements for Memorial Care Hospice (out of Saddleback Hospital). It will be held at the home of Nadine Melberg. Bring cleaned greens to add to the arrangements.

If you know a LFGC member who is sick, hospitalized or bereaved, let Nadine (nadine.melberg@gmail.com) know before meeting.

Address: 24762 Rollingwood Road, Lake Forest, CA 92630
Cell: 949-243-2005

Please RSVP so that I know the number of ladies coming.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL BOUTIQUE (MAY 7)

MAY 6: 8 AM - 12 PM

- Floral arrangements will be made for the boutique. We need flowers and greenery from everyone's garden.
- Clippers will be provided but bring your own if you have favorites.
- We will purchase some flowers but the ones from your gardens are more unique and eye catching.

NEEDED:

1. Flowers from your garden (best to pick day before, clean and put in water)
2. Greenery from your garden (best to pick day before, clean and put in water)
3. Very small vases (we have lots of medium sized ones) and unique vases are the best
4. Additional items like small butterflies and unique greens or tree branches like tortured willow and horsetail reeds always make interesting arrangements.
5. Creative designers to make the arrangements...help will be provided if you need guidance.

Need floral arrangers, "pricing experts", extra vases and lots of flowers and greenery! Come and have your creative juices flow!

Let Nadine Melberg know of your intended participation by emailing to nadine.melberg@gmail.com.

Please Note: All are welcome to participate. If you bring flowers or greenery and do not plan to stay to arrange, please have your buckets/containers labeled with your name if you would like them returned. We will help you learn how to arrange flowers if you wish to learn.



FOR ANNUAL BOUTIQUE & PLANT SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 7:30-1:00

To make your choice to volunteer easier, here are the areas that need volunteers.

KIDS KORNER - All Day: Bev Vargish has assembled all craft items for the children of customers who want to participate. Your job would be to just assist each child that comes to the booth. There will be a table and chairs for them to sit while they create their little craft. Easy and fun!

RUNNERS: we need at least 3 people to help in pulling wagons of items purchased by customers to their cars. All shifts required.

PLANTS AREA: we need at least 1 more experienced gardener to help in this area

RAFFLE: Marilyn Hill is chair and will need at least 2 more people to help in this area and to sell raffle tickets. All shifts needed.

***If you cannot work at the boutique but would be willing to help us set everything up, we would welcome any, and all of you at 6:00 until the Boutique opens at 8:00. We have to bring all the plants, pots, vases and Fabulous Finds product from inside the clubhouse to the parking lot and placed in the appropriate areas; this is a time-consuming job, but the more people we have to help, the faster it will happen.*

***Clean-up and breakdown after the Boutique is another area of need and all Chairs and helpers, will hopefully, be able to get this done in a timely manner; extra help is always appreciated.*

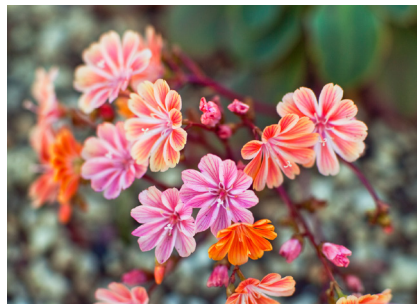
LFGC's May Board Meeting will be held Friday, April 29th at 9am. Normally, it would be held on the 1st Friday of May (*but that is our prep day for the Boutique*). Some of the agenda will include Boutique, Scholarship, Nominations, Membership Dues, etc.

On March 29, a basket planting workshop for the Boutique made 43 baskets. Marilyn Hill donated her patio for the event and 15 members helped assemble the floral baskets. On Friday May 6th

they will be prettied with ribbons and bows.



CALIFORNIA NATIVE FLOWERS



LEWISIA COTYLEDON

To about 1 ft. high, 10 in. wide. Rosettes of narrow, fleshy, evergreen leaves bear 10-in. stems topped by large, extremely showy clusters of 1-in. white or pink flowers often striped with


rose or red. Blooms from spring to early summer. Lewisia cotyledon howellii is similar but has wavy-edged leaves and somewhat larger flowers. Prune out side growth to maintain air circulation around root crown. Can be grown in pots of fast-draining sterilized soil or growing mixes.

BIRD'S EYE

Slender plants with finely cut leaves and colorful flowers from late spring to early fall. Useful in wild garden or borders. In fall or early spring, sow seeds in



well-drained soil where plants are to grow. Thin seedlings to avoid crowding. Grows to 4–18 in. high, about 9 in. wide. Subtly beautiful flowers, carried singly or in clusters, are 1/2 in. wide or wider, with pale to deep violet with yellow throat spotted purple; blue pollen.



You are invited...

to visit the wonderful **HERITAGE GARDEN** in
Mission Viejo's Casta del Sol 55+ community.

The volunteer garden covers 4 acres and
has 10 themed gardens, designed and cared for
by a small group of dedicated volunteers.

Date: Thursday, April 14th 10-noon

Recommended donation: \$5
(cash or check to Heritage Garden Club)

Registration required:
Names required for gate entry.

Email Barb at gardensLF@gmail.com
to reserve your spot **by April 12th.**

Directions:

Garden address is **24351 Via Albaniz.**
Enter Casta's Gate 2, off of Jeronimo just past
Marguerite. After the curve, turn left into
the parking lot. Follow the sidewalk
at the far end of the lot, past the pool,
to the Heritage Garden!

Please print and save these directions.