

Lake Forest Garden Club Rosette

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PRESIDENT'S BUZZ

What a difference a year makes. Last year we were in lockdown and now we are safely buzzing slowly, yet steadily into a new normal. With the great weather, leaves are peeking and unfurling on trees and flowers are beginning to blossom (especially the birth month daisies and sweet peas). The outdoors is alive with the humming of busy bees pollinating the flowers, along with the orchestra of birds. This is a great time to enjoy the outdoors by sprucing up our gardens, and of course mulching, mulching and mulching, per the horticulture report below.

We are blessed in California with good weather. As the weather gets better, we have been able to buzz around safely in-person in smaller hives using Rimgate Park as our outdoor clubhouse. The "Talk(s) in the Park" in March were buzzing around with activity and everyone who attended enjoyed the social gathering. The honey from this activity will be condensed and shared shortly. The last board meeting was in-person at Rimgate Park too, making it easier to converse and discuss important issues. A few active bees walked on the infamous Oso Creek Trail and enjoyed socializing outdoors after that.

Please be sure to read the articles in this newsletter for the updated buzz on the following:

1. Annual membership dues are now being collected
2. April General Meeting presentation description
3. Past presidents tree planting ceremony
4. LFGC Stroll-by garden tour
5. Ongoing Mini-boutiques
6. Nominating Committee

Our bees have been busy buzzing around the community collecting truckloads of honey in the form of succulents for the mini boutiques (**Noel DeSota** and **Linda Martin**), while some are actively pollinating young Girl Scout daisies with the essentials of seed germinating (**Bev Vargish**).

Our scholarship committee, headed by **Dorina Tan**, is reviewing the applications submitted and a decision will be made in the near future. In addition, **Martha McCarthy** is coordinating with the City of Lake Forest for the LFGC bench donation.

We hope to see all our club members buzzing in at the Zoom meeting at the upcoming General Monthly Meeting on Friday, April 16, at 10:00 AM.



The Return of the Busy Bees
("No Flower Left Behind"),
Ginny Heard, cell/949.294.5972
Ramilla Lewis, home/949.458.6215



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lake Forest Garden Club *April 16 at 10:00 am*

Alert: Our presentation will begin at 10am!!!

Zoom in just before 10:00 am to make sure you

***are with us
for our
speaker;
Business
meeting to
follow***



Today's Speaker: Kris Bonner

- Joined Master Gardeners of Orange County in 2016
- Mission Viejo resident
- Started the monthly Murray Center gardening presentations in 2017
- UC Davis (B.S.) & UC Berkeley (M.S.) in natural resources, with a minor in soil science
- Claims to have hand-picked 14 tons of tomatoes

Vegetables Series - GROW IT NOW! **Cool Season Vegetables**

From gourmet selections to a stir-fry garden, this presentation covers everything you need to know about starting and growing vegetables that you can harvest in fall, winter and early spring. Learn how to "start something" that you can harvest and eat throughout the cool season. Get tips for fitting more into smaller spaces and busy lifestyles, information, and demonstrations.

Vegetables Series - GROW IT NOW! **Warm Season Vegetables**

Ready to dig in the garden again? Now is the time to plant warm season vegetables to feed your family over the summer months. Get the information you need to choose your crops so that you can eat healthily while following the #1 rule: plant what you and your family like to eat! Yum!

Vegetables Series - GROW IT NOW! **Tomatoes**

You could plant from dawn to dusk and still not plant every variety of tomato! Whether you are a novice or a pro, you'll enjoy learning about tomatoes: the many varieties, their culture, diseases and pests, growing in the ground vs. growing in containers – and finally, how to use them.

First VP - Programs

Cheryl Weaver
Diane Boeck



Lake Forest Garden Club
2021 Garden Tour
April 21 - 22 - 23
The Best of the Best!
"Stroll-by Garden Tour"

Stay tuned for more details on these amazing gardens.

Trips & Tours
Bonnie Oakden
949.525.2528



CLUB ACTIVITIES

“Walk in the Woods”

March 25, 2021



Tree dedication to our past Presidents, Patti Carlson and Stephanie Gillette for their outstanding performance

The park they have chosen for the tree dedication is **Cherry Park**, which is located at 22651 Cherry Avenue, off of Trabuco and Cherry. If you enter Cherry Avenue from Trabuco, it is a short distance to the park on the right side. You will see the colorful playground. Please park close to the playground as we will host some light refreshments in a shaded picnic area.



When: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

Where: Cherry Park, 22651 Cherry Avenue, Lake Forest

*Social distancing guidelines will apply so please bring/wear a mask.

Contact Person:

Ginny Bayliss

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(Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces (even if under a mask))

Daisy Flower Garden Activity

The Lake Forest Garden Club was asked to present an activity to the local Lake Forest Daisy Troop girls who are working on their Gardening Badge.



When a Girl Scout Junior earns this badge, she knows

how to help plants and flowers grow.

Beverly Vargish explained to the girls how to plant and care for the seeds. They engaged in a seed sprouting activity, and



were given charts to record pictures of the sprouts as they grow.



Thank you **Beverly** for making this experience a fun activity!

CLUB EVENTS

Lunch at the Farmhouse

Save the Date

Wednesday, May 19, 2024



Come to **Roger's Gardens** with other club members and stroll around this beautiful Nursery, just to look or to shop! We have made 2 reservations for lunch at **The Farmhouse**, although, they will be limited as they do not take more than 1 table of 10 in the same hour. It will only be open to club members, and we will only make two reservations, so if, and when these two times fill up, you may need to make your own reservations, for smaller groups of 2-4. This, as you know is a very popular restaurant, with delicious and always "in season" menus.

In order to secure your reservation for this lunch, **11:30 AM or 1:30 PM**, email me your preferred time and send me a check for \$10 to secure your spot, which will be returned to you when you arrive at the **Farmhouse**. You may have to be flexible with either 11:30 or 1:30, if one or the other time slot fills up. Of course, you will each be responsible for your own restaurant bill at the time of service.

This will be our final Field Trips & Tours and we have enjoyed our "walks" taking the place of more formal trips in our year of COVID, so we thought this would be a fun way to end the year!

The Space is limited to the first 20 checks received.

Mail checks to: **Bonnie Oakden**

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Field Trips & Tours
(Bev, Bonnie & Pilar)

LFGC Mini-Boutiques 2021

Spring has Sprung! Our garden club is definitely on a roll making lemonade out of the lemons of this 2020-2021 year (which also happens to be our 50th). LFGC decided to hold 3 Mini-Boutiques for 2021 instead of the huge single day Annual LFGC Spring Boutique and Plant Sale on the Saturday of Mother's Day Weekend. We are trusting we WILL be back bigger and better for that event in 2022!

Mini-Boutique #1 (Fab Finds from storage and incredible plants and succulents) was on the first day of Spring - Saturday, 3/20/21. It was a huge success and a fun day for our LFGC crew...and there are two more!

Mini-Boutique #2 will be on Saturday, 4/17/21 at **Ginny Heard's** (25392 Navajo Dr, Lake Forest, CA) from 7am to 1pm (yes, earlier to draw in "Garage Sale Groupies"). There will be **Ginny's** Garage Sale in the driveway, and our LFGC Plant & Garden Art and Miscellaneous Sale



will be in the front yard and breezeway. If you have any plants, yard art, or items to donate for the garden club to sell, please bring them to Ginny's address after the ZOOM on Friday, 4/16/21 (about 12:15pm and later). (Note #1: the streets surrounding her area are getting resurfaced Tuesday 4/13 through Thursday 4/15, so there's no vehicular access during those dates. Note #2: Saturday, 4/17/21 from 7am-12pm there will ALSO be a garage sale happening outside in the parking lot of LFI/ Beach & Tennis Club.



Mini-Boutique #3 will be on Saturday, 5/1/21 at Linda Martin's (21717 Tahoe Ln, Lake Forest) from 9-1. We will have more plants donated/propagated by our members and **Carol Madrick's** fabulous tomato plants (and anything else donated to sell for the club).

Get your Garden Hat on...We need volunteers! These things don't happen without our members' involvement. You are invited to get involved in some way: propagate/contribute some plants or donate some quality items, let your friends/family/neighbors know – get the word out. We will be advertising on Craigslist and on NextDoor.

For the day of each event, we will need volunteers to help set up, sell, and manage the cash. Wear your LFGC green apron, lend a hand and a presence, and let's let people know who we are and what we do. We will also be accepting new members and letting folks know about Penny Pines and the Big Basin Project (if they'd also like to contribute to those causes to help our California forests).

Please text or call **Ginny Heard** (cell/949.294.5972) to let her know when and how you'd like to help on either or both of those Saturdays!

2021-2022 Membership Dues



Jan Little (31920 Paseo Navarra, SJC, CA 92675; © 949-887-2791) and **Ramilla Lewis** (21041 Providence, LF, CA 92630; (h) 949-458-6215) will be collecting Membership dues for 2021-2022 beginning immediately through June 30,

2021. Currently dues are \$20/individual (\$25/couple) through June 30, 2022. Please make your checks out to LFGC (dues through June 30, 2022) and mail or drop off your checks to **Jan Little** or **Ramilla Lewis**. You will be emailed a picture of your receipt as proof of payment.

If you would like to update your current contact information, listed in the 2020-21 LFGC directory, please indicate those changes when you make your payment.

This is a GREAT opportunity for your friends, family or neighbors to join our club. Please refer to "From the Parliamentarian by **Karen O'Brien**" section pertaining to possible change of dues in September 2021.

Note: all dues paid prior to June 30, 2021 will not be subject to any additional charges.

Butterfly Kits

With the warm weather that we are enjoying, some of your *Asclepia tuberosa* are going to seed. Please save these seeds for our anticipated butterfly kit distribution to local preschools and elementary schools in the Spring.

When you reach the end of your harvest, please contact **Ramilla Lewis**. (rolewis98@hotmail.com or 949-458-6215) to make arrangements to have them picked up for cleaning.



FROM THE PARLIAMENTARIAN...

Due to the pandemic, the LFGC Board has decided for our next year (2021-2022) Dues will continue to be \$20. As such, the current standing rules regarding membership fees are suspended. We

recognized that our meetings and activities have been limited, and we wanted to reflect that.

As we resume more normal club activities and events, which may result in more operational costs, the LFGC Board will revisit the dues amount to make adjustments, as necessary.

Please see article to the left about payment of 2021-2022 membership dues.

Karen O'Brien, Parliamentarian



Celebrating our April Flowers:

The daisy and the sweet pea

April's birth flowers are the daisy and the sweet pea! By April, spring is in full swing, and these birth month flowers are ready to express their happy plans and intrigues.



The Daisy conveys innocence, loyal love, and purity. Yet, the daisy is also a flower given between friends to keep a secret; the daisy means "I'll never tell!" How many daisies have you given away?

The Sweet Pea.

While sweet peas with their lovely scent may signify blissful pleasure, they are also used to say good-bye.

Perhaps Shakespeare had sweet peas in mind when he wrote the immortal words: "*Parting is such sweet sorrow.*"

Then, of course, there are the good-byes we're glad of, such as saying "so long" to flies; which find the sweet pea's fragrance offensive and will leave its environs in a hurry.



CLUB Miscellaneous



Dear Lake Forest Garden Club Members,

Thank you from the UC Master Gardeners of Orange County for sponsoring two of our trainees in our current classes for new MGs. This was an enormous help to our program and really made us comfortable offering financial assistance to people who needed it in the outreach we did to find applicants. That was key in our efforts to have a more inclusive approach this year. In part because of your donation to the program our class is indeed more diverse than ever. You have really helped us achieve an important goal.

And I want to tell you how much I appreciate our growing partnership. The UC Master Gardeners are looking forward to working more with the Lake Forest Garden Club in the future.

Thank you very much,

Randy Musser
UCCE Master Gardeners of Orange County
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AND, thank you, Noël !!! If it wasn't for you, this wouldn't have happened at all. I SO appreciate having you in the MGs. You're a star!



Thank You, to all the members who made the Lake Forest Garden Club Mini-Boutique Sale a **SUCCESS** on 3/20/21, at Noel De Sota's home.

Storage Clean-up: Nadine Melberg, Karen O'Brian, Cheryl Weaver, Barbara Parry, Ginny Heard, Noel De Sota
Storage Pick-up & Delivery: Ginny Heard, Noel DeSota & Linda Martin
Fabulous Finds: Evita Block, Barbara Parry, Jan Little
Plant Donations: ***Nadine Melberg, ***Ro Armstrong, Cindy Sorenson, Ginny Heard, Noel DeSota

Day of Sale:
Nadine Melberg Set-up, sell, cashier, clean-up
Carol Chirpich Set-up, sell, cashier, clean-up
Linda Martin Set-up, sell, cashier, clean-up
Ro Armstrong Set-up, sell, clean-up
Carol Givinzazo Set-up, sell, clean-up
Karen O'Brian Set-up, sell, clean-up
Kenton Boettcher Set-up, sell, clean-up
Linda Widdowson Set-up, sell, clean-up
Roxanne Aird Set-up, sell, clean-up
Cheryl Weaver Set-up, sell
Noel De Sota Set-up, sell, clean-up
Ginny Heard EVERYTHING – Made it all Happen

Special Sign Marilyn Hill
Credit Card Ramilla Lewis



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Ten Tips for Small Space Gardening

Plan. A well thought out space will appear more unified. What do you want to do when you are in your space? Sketch the area on a blank piece of paper and use circles to indicate your plants. Don't forget to allow for growth and fill in. It is fun to look back and see your plans after your garden has grown.

Blur the lines. Boundaries that confine the space can be softened with borders, beds, shrubs, or climbing plants.

Choose a theme. Incorporate a theme into planting. Consider what is inside your house and extend the atmosphere outside.

Take it room by room. Think about each area as a separate room that compliments the theme. Incorporate stopping and resting points at intervals to make the space more comfortable and the total space will seem larger.

Consider scale. Choose garden accessories and furniture that match the space in scale.

Enrich the soil. Start with good soil for a successful garden. Amendments can improve the soil, improving plant feeding and irrigation. Mulch.

Add variety. Vary heights, colors and textures to make the garden more appealing and convey more depth to the space. Include vines, trellises and other vertical features to add height and take your eyes upward. This will also help to expand the space.

Impact with color. Combine similar colors or several of the same plant for a bigger impact. Paint with swatches and strips of color.

Mix it up. With the right mix of annuals, bulbs, and perennials, the garden can have blooming color from spring through fall. Also use shapes and textures.

Don't forget containers. Using plants in containers can enhance areas where they cannot be planted in the ground. Tier them effect.

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CLUB NOTES

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Or check our yearbook for a full listing of
Committee Chairs



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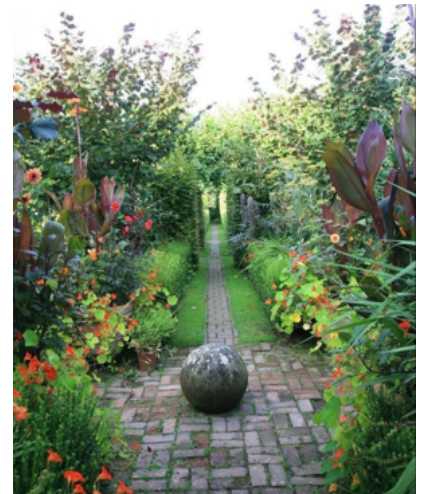
Thanks to Kellogg's Garden
Products donor of the soil
for our Plant Sale &
Boutique.

Pests: Rapid growth this time of year on most plants means insects will be attracted to delicate new leaves and flower buds. A sharp spray of water will take care of aphids and whiteflies and releasing beneficial insects will keep them in control. Learn to accept a little insect damage that is normal in a healthy, thriving garden. Keeping spent blooms deadheaded will prolong flowering times on some plants and will keep the garden neat and free from debris that harbors disease and insects on all plants.

Mulching: Maintain a good mulch of organic matter covering garden soil throughout the summer. This prevents crusting and cracking of the soil surface, holds in moisture, encourages earthworms, moderates soil temperatures for optimum root growth, improves the soil as it decomposes, and prevents weeds from germinating. A two-to-four inch layer of mulch decreases evaporation from the soil by 70 percent or more, allowing you to water less often (but still deeply). Keep mulch several inches away from tree trunks and plant stems, however, for good air circulation.

A good source for when to plant each type of food plant is The Old Farmer's Almanac plant calendar, specific to San Diego, Riverside and Orange County (hardiness zone 10a or 10b).

Submitted by **Pennie Louwers**



What to do in the Garden in May...



May is the month to enjoy many of the perennials that will start blooming now and may stay in bloom for many months as the weather heats up.

Fertilize and Prune: If you haven't fertilized those spring and summer bloomers, now is

the time to add a balanced fertilizer to the soil. Fertilize shrubs that have been blooming all winter and spring before they go dormant to assure a good show next year. Azaleas and camellias will especially appreciate a dose of an acid-based feeding and a layer of mulch to get them through the summer. Now is also the time to prune these shrubs if required.

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