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LFGC ROSETTE
2025 - 2026

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Lake Forest Garden Club
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Our meeting this month is on February 20th

General Meetings are on the
3rd Friday of each month
9:30 to 10:15 - Social Hour
10:30 to 11:00 - Club Business
11:00 - 12:00 - Program

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Bob 'Bug' Allen - Wildflower of OC and the Santa Ana Mountains



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Valentine's Greetings Garden Club Members,

I wish much love and friendship to all of you in this season of Valentines and am reminded that love and friendship are like a garden, they need constant nurturing and care.

On February 2, the groundhog predicted six more weeks of winter. While we send our well wishes to those experiencing a traditional winter, we in Southern California are enjoying lovely weather that has many of our gardens already in bloom. As gardeners we continue to adapt to the yearly whims of nature and remain flexible in our gardenin pursuits.

Many thanks to Bonnie Oakden for hosting the recent succulent planting party. We also appreciate the members who attended and created over 80 beautiful arrangements for the garden boutique. Please consider joining the fun at the planting party at Bonnie's house next month.

With love and friendship,

Annette Brant
Co-President, Lake Forest Garden Club



Please Remember: Lake Forest Garden Club:

Dear Garden Club Members,

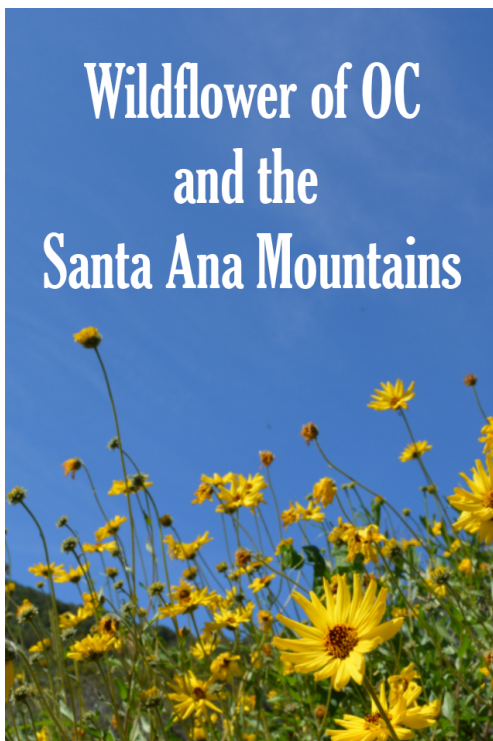
As a reminder, we are guests at the clubhouse and must adhere to their guidelines. Garden Club members should not make any requests of the receptionist or any other clubhouse employee. We are responsible for providing all of our own supplies, as the clubhouse only provides the use of the facility.

If you have any needs during a meeting, please speak with our clubhouse liaison, Carol Giovinazzo, or a board member.

The Lake Forest Beach and Tennis Club generously allows us to use their facilities for our meetings and garden boutique at no charge. This is a significant financial gift to our club, and we are very grateful for their support.

Best regards,

Annette



FEBRUARY PROGRAM
WILDFLOWERS OF OC AND THE
SANTA ANA MOUNTAINS

BOB 'BUG ALLEN

Robert L. "Bob" "Bug Bob" Allen is an entomologist, botanist, instructor, nature photographer, and author in Orange County, California.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Systematic Biology from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Studies from California State



University, Fullerton.

He is a Research Associate at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and a Research Associate in Entomology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Bob's second book, *Wildflowers of Orange County and the Santa Ana Mountains* (published in 2013), is a full-color field guide to local wildflowers, and he is now working on a book about California's pollinating insects, his specialty as a biologist.

His book, published in 2013, describes more than 600 species of flowers, including their common and scientific names, along with 2600+ accompanying photos

It's Teatime! Bring your favorite teacup, teapot (if you have one)., and sweet or savory goodies to share. This is a great time to invite friends!

And don't forget to wear your special hat to our "Tea Party".

There will be prizes for the most creative, most humorous, and most beautiful hat.

**Debbie Gray
Program Chair**

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

LUTHER BURBANK



HOSPICE

New helpers are always welcome to learn by following a hospice committee member while arranging. Let's bring lots of smiles to so many people!

1. Cut some greens to bring to our LFGC meeting and clean the bottom of the stems of leaves on February 19th for hospice flower arranging on February 20.
2. **Come early (8:50 am)** to help clean flowers donated by Albertsons and Fuji Warehouse. **Due to Tea we need to finish early today.**
3. At about 9:10 start arranging floral arrangements for Memorial Care Hospice out of Saddleback Hospital and some arrangements for our members who have been ill or hospitalized plus the front desk.
4. **It's teatime so remember your teacup, maybe a tea pot and your goodies too! Oh yes, a hat for the contest too.**

Nadine Melberg
Hospice Chair



HOSPITALITY

IT'S TEATIME!!!

This is your official invitation to our Annual LFGC Tea. We will meet on Friday, February 20, 2026, at the Lake Forest Clubhouse. We encourage members to bring a guest to the February Tea.

The following contains important information for you regarding your participation in the

Tea. Please call or text Cheryl Weaver (weavercheryl02@gmail.com) if you have further questions regarding the tea.

And don't forget your hat if you want to be part of the special LFGC Tea Party Hat contest!!!

- All round tables will be covered with white tablecloths by 9:15 and you may start decorating at that time.
- All rectangular tables (except the Hospice Flower preparation group areas) will be covered with tablecloths and ready to receive food dishes beginning at 9:30.
- Please bring a teapot if you have one. Each table needs at least one teapot. Please attach a name label to the bottom of your teapot.
- Everyone needs to bring a teacup with a name label on the bottom (or a paper cup will be provided).
- The Hospitality Committee will provide plates, napkins, tablecloths, "silverware", hot water, sugar, cream and a selection of teas. You may also bring teas to share at your table, if you wish.
- Members are asked to bring materials such as flowers/small plants, small vases ribbons and bows, lace, tulle, small (battery-operated) lights, small figurines/Knic knacks, lace doilies, Valentine items, small, decorated boxes, honeycomb decorations, tiered trays, etc. to decorate your tables.
- The Hospitality Committee will need members to bring electric tea kettles or hot water thermoses (if you have them) in order to keep hot water available at all times. Please add a label to the bottom.
- Members are asked to bring "tea-time" food selections and place them on the rectangular tables in the adjoining room. These dishes could include, but are not limited to, scones, petite sandwiches, cupcakes, other breakfast type sweet treats, pastries, nut breads cut into small pieces, small cookies, chocolates, fruits, jams, and egg dishes such as quiches. For more information, consult the Internet or our LFGC cookbook. Be sure your plate, platter, or bowl, and any cake covers, appetizers, etc. have an address label attached to the bottom.

cake servers, spatulas, etc. have an address label attached to the bottom.

- The LFGC Board has asked that an accompanying card or note be placed with your treats as you put them on the serving tables. Please include the name of the food, the preparer, and any notes about, but not limited to, nuts, pork, other allergens, or if the dish is gluten-free.

(Hospitality does have some of these cards available.)

Please have your food placed by 10:00AM

We will open the food tables @ 10:01AM

Official LFGC Business Meeting begins @ 10:30AM Guest Speaker begins @ 11:00AM

Cheryl Weaver
Hospitality Chair

Rosemary Butter Cookies

Source: costcoconnection.ca

Ingredients

250 mL (1 cup) unsalted butter,
softened

175 mL (¾ cup) sugar

1 large egg

5 mL (1 tsp) vanilla extract

625 mL (2½ cups) all-purpose flour

2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh
rosemary

4 mL (¾ tsp) coarse salt

125 mL (½ cup) fine sanding sugar



Directions

- Mix together butter and sugar on medium until pale and fluffy. Mix in egg

and vanilla. Reduce speed to low and mix in flour, rosemary and salt.

- Roll dough into two 15 cm (6-inch) logs and freeze.
- Preheat oven to 190 C (375 F). Unwrap the dough, roll it in sanding sugar and cut it into 0.6 cm (¼-inch) rounds. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes, until edges are golden. Makes about 3½ dozen cookies.

Bonnie Oakden

TRIPS AND TOURS



UPCOMING TOUR

Casa Romantica Cultural
Center and Gardens Tour

Address: 415 Avenida
Granada, San Clemente

When: Mon. Feb. 23, 10:00
AM

Docent led tour; \$8.00 per
person

If you would like to carpool with friends and have lunch in San Clemente, there are many nice Restaurants in town. Thank you, in advance for all that you do to make this event a huge success!

<https://www.casaromantica.org>

Bonnie Oakden
Trips & Tours
949-525-2528

SCHEDULE OF TOURS 2025 - 2026

Monday, February 23

Casa Romantica Cultural Center - Gardens Tour
\$8/person, 10:00 AM - San Clemente

Friday, March 27

Heritage Museum of OC at 1:00 PM
Santa Ana-Tour of house \$15/. Picnic on the grounds before tour.

Friday, May 22

Walk at the Beach, Crystal Cove, Newport Beach.
Lunch, on your own @ Beachcomber or Restaurants in Corona Del Mar, Ruby's,
Panini Grill, or Tommy Bahama

Bonnie Oakden**Trips and Tours Chair**

FUNDRAISING**May 9, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Keep collecting and asking merchants for gift cards or donate your own that you don't want. These are for the Gift Card Tree at the Raffle Table.

Cleaning out your closets of unused items that are "fabulous." We have a booth at our boutique named, Fabulous Finds, for gently used and still beautiful or useful items; also, if you like yard sales, this also is a place to find items for our Fab Finds, so be on the lookout!

For the next Succulent workshop, March 5th, we still have a need for pots or containers to plant succulents as well as, small succulent cuttings (nothing big). We make arrangements with a variety of succulents; they are beautiful and sell very well.

If anyone has a large conch shell or open shell of any kind and would like to donate it to the Raffle Table at the Boutique, that would be great! If you don't have one, maybe you will find one on your hunt for other items at antique or thrift stores. Happy shopping!

We will need baskets for the April Flower Basket planting workshop. Small to medium are perfect for this but if you have any large baskets, we could use them at the raffle table at the Boutique.

Last year we started a new booth, Crafts Corner, for the crafters in our club and we have many! I will be having a meeting at my home for those of you interested in presenting ideas that you would like to contribute. Last year we painted bird houses, rocks, had beautiful hand painted cards, garden art, miniature succulent Fairy houses and more items.

If you are interested and have ideas, the meeting will be at my house;
25052 Via Del Rio, LF, Tuesday, Feb. 17th @ 9:30 AM

If you cannot come at that time, just email me your ideas or see me at the next meeting.

Bonnie Oakden: boakden@gmail.com

Your Fundraising Team

**Bonnie Oakden, Tibby Montgomery, Bev Vargish, Barbara Hudgins
and Ramilla Lewis**



BEADING AND DEMITASSE WORKSHOP

We will be having the workshop after the board meeting on Friday, April 3d, at my house, 22885 Ridge Route Lane
We are collecting pretty cups and saucers and beads.

If you cannot attend, and have things to donate, please let me know so I can get them beforehand. It has been suggested that some might want to have lunch, so you can either bring



something or go get something after the meeting and bring it along.

We will start at 1 pm. If you can, please let me know you are coming. Thanks.

Barbara Foster
boffo413@yahoo.com

BUTTERFLY KITS

The LF Garden Club will assemble Butterfly Kits to be distributed to second grad classrooms in the Saddleback Unified School District on **Monday, March 23rd @ 10:00** at the club house. Volunteers are needed to assemble the kits and other volunteers are needed to deliver them to the schools after noon that day. Please sign up at the February meeting if you could help with this worthwhile project.

Barb Hochgesang, Co-Chair

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Important dates to get on your calendar:

Monday, March 30, 2026, OC District meeting at Sherman Gardens, 10:00 am

Monday, May 11-14, 2026, California Garden Club convention, Handlery Hotel, San Diego.

See what's going on with our fellow garden clubs around the county and state.

California Garden Club

<https://www.californiagardenclubs.com>

Orange District Garden Clubs

<https://ocdistrict.org>

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