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Our meeting this month is on April 17th

General Meetings are on the

3rd Friday of each month:
9:30 to 10:15 AM - Social Hour
10:15 AM - Place Flower Show entries on tables

10:20 AM - Program

APRIL SPECIAL

THE FLOWER SHOW

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Friends,

Spring is in full swing and so is our club! Our club has been very busy these last weeks with a variety of activities. Our members created another 100 gardening empowerment kits and planted a garden at Sheridan Park in preparation for our big event, our plant sale and garden boutique. There will be more opportunities to participate in preparing for the boutique, keep your eyes open for announcements. We also had a delicious luncheon before our tour of the Victorian style Kellogg home at the Heritage Museum in Orange. Our April meeting is scheduled for April 17th at the Lake Forest Garden Club Inc. Orange County district meeting where we were able to highlight the accomplishments of our club. We are very proud of our own member, Donna Hood, who is the president of the Orange County district and did a beautiful job leading the meeting at Sherman Gardens.

Coming up: We look forward to our club flower show, garden tour and lunch.

Most importantly, in the next few weeks, we are gearing up for our plant sale and Garden boutique. This is our big fundraiser which earns the monies that allows us to be so generous to the many worthwhile projects we support. Thank you for pitching in and volunteering in as many ways as you can!

Annette Brant
Co-President, LFGC

REMINDER

As a reminder, we are guests at the clubhouse and must adhere to their guidelines.

If you have any needs during a meeting, please speak with our clubhouse liaison, Carol Giovinazzo, or a board member. Please not make any requests of the receptionist or any other clubhouse employee.

Best regards,
Annette

MEMBERSHIP

A big thank you to everyone that has stepped up to help as with membership at the meetings and the upcoming events.

It is time to start thinking about next year. Membership will be opening up for the 2026-2027 club year in the near future. To ensure your name gets in the drawing, you must sign up and pay at the April, May, or June meetings. Cash, check, Venmo and Zelle are all accepted.

Sheri Jones and Barbara Hudgins
Co-Chairs - Membership

A BEAUTIFUL FLORAL MORNING

Our LFGC Flower Show will be held during the April general meeting on Friday, April 17th. The Flower Show is open to all members, and you may enter whatever blooms you have. This year any member can submit up to 3 flowers for judging, but they must be entered into different categories.

- Since flower submissions have been limited for the Flower Show, we hope all members (whether you are showing flowers or not) will bring the extra flowers they might have just into the show and use them to decorate the round tables in our meeting. Again, let's make our meeting room a "floral showcase" for our April meeting!
- Categories for the Flower Show this year are: Best Orchid, Most Unusual Color, Most Fragrant, Miniature Flower, Best Non-Rose Flower, Best Rose, Best of Show.
- Entries for all flowers except Orchids are to be placed in clear glass vases prior to registration. (There will be a few glass vases available in case you forget yours.) Orchids may be brought in their regular pots or other orchid structures.
- Prize ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category, with a special ribbon for Best in Show.
- Gift certificates will be awarded to 1st place winners in each category, as well as Best in Show. These will be in the form of gift cards to Home Depot.
- All floral entries must be registered, given a # tag, and placed on the Flower Show tables by 10:15AM. Judging will begin at 10:20AM. Volunteers will assist you.
- Announcement of winners will take place after the business meeting and after refreshments have been served. Refreshments will be served at approximate times of the year so there will be several upcoming activities& events to be presented and discussed while the flower show votes are being counted.!

Have a great time selecting flowers from your garden to enter into the flower show. We encourage our new members to join the fun, and everyone to bring flowers to display on the round tables, as well.

Questions?

Call or text Cheryl @ 949-322-3776.

HOSPICE

"Flowers always make people better, happier and healthier. They are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." – Luther Burbank

Hospice flowers for April general meeting on April 17th. New members are always welcome. You can be guided if it's your first visit to our hospice table by following a hospice committee member while arranging. Let's bring lots of smiles.

1. Please cut some greens to bring to our LFGC meeting and clean the bottom of the stems of leaves on April 16th for hospice flower arranging on April 17th.
2. Please come early (9am) to help clean flowers that are donated by Albertsons and Fuji Warehouse. Remember to bring up to three flowers to enter our April flower show.
3. At about 9:20 we start arranging floral bouquets for Memorial Care Hospice out of Saddleback Hospital and some arrangements for our members who have been ill or hospitalized and the front desk.
4. If you know of any members who need a floral arrangement email Nadine Melberg at nadine.melberg@gmail.com

Small unique vases for the floral arrangements for the boutique are still needed!

Please place all at Nadine's (25763 Rollingwood Road, Lake Forest) or bring to this general meeting in a bag or box to the hospice floral area. **There isn't another general meeting before the May 5th Boutique!**

Nadine Melberg

Hospice Chair

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality will continue to provide snacks and refreshments for our general meeting. We are so appreciative of our members who continue to bring new and delicious items for us to try. If there were points for best snacks provided to club members at meetings, LFGC would definitely take top prize! Thank you!!!

We would also like to express our gratitude to members who help us clear tables, clean and fold tablecloths, fill in when Hospitality Committee members cannot attend, bring serving items to the kitchen, etc. These tasks help us to finish our work much faster. Again, thank you!!!

Don't forget to bring flowers from your gardens to decorate our round tables - let's show off those beautiful blooms!!!

LFGC Hospitality Committee

MEMBERS' HOMES GARDENS TOUR

The Members' Homes Garden Tour is on! Friday, April 24, 2026.

Five members have volunteered their gardens: Joyce Ardis, Ramilla Lewis, Neela Khanchar, Geri Medway, and Bev Vergish await your visit.

It is sure to be a beautiful and inspiring event. We are offering lunch afterwards at the club, which will also incorporate our annual Beach and Tennis Club staff appreciation luncheon.

This year, budgetary considerations have compelled the LFGC board to request that members contribute a part of the cost for their lunches, only $10 - which leave your place for a delicious catered box lunch. Guests too may have lunch for $10. Reservations are required.

You can make your reservation for the lunch and pay Tibby Montgomery at the next general meeting, on April 17th, at the raffle table. She will take cheque, cash, credit cards, Venmo and Zelle. No reservations or payment required for the tour itself.

If you won't be at the meeting, get in touch with Tibby about paying. Once again, members are asked to bring desserts on the morning of the event to share with members and staff, who often like to have "goodies" to take home to their families. Reservations can be made with Barbara Foster, and money must be paid by April 20th.

Barbara Foster
Home Garden Tour Chair

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising: The Spring Plant Sale & Garden Boutique is less than a month away and there are many reminders coming your way!

We need to borrow your beach/garden wagons, if you have one, please contact me and we will make arrangements. We need to have you, or any of the club clubhouses on Thursday, May 7th, 9:00 - 3:00 PM **or Friday May 8 AM - 12 PM**. Make sure your name is on the wagon so that it will be returned to its rightful owner. Thank you.

Cleaning out your cupboards and you come across anything you no longer need or want? Please think about donating to our Fabulous Finds area of the Boutique, remember these items should be gently used and Fabulous and can be either Home or Garden items.

Please ask any of your favorite restaurants/stores for gift cards for our Raffle Gift Card Tree. Remember to print the form asking for donations which can be found on our website under Membership forms. This way you are representing the garden club with an official letter stating we are a non-profit organization.

VOLUNTEERS
We need as many volunteers as we can get to help the club have a very successful event on May 9th - 3 literally takes a village!. There will be 2 sign-up sheets circulating at the next general meeting on April 17th. The first is for Friday, May 8th and

It will be the morning set up and pricing of our succulent arrangements and flower baskets, the afternoon we need people to help at the Boutique. We need people helping their friends and beautiful this will have lots of succulents and flowers & replace those that didn't make it, and will have other little trinkets to dress up the succulent pots, like stone, marbles, etc. Creative juices will be flowing!

The second sign-up sheet will be for SET-UP the morning of the Sale, Saturday, May 9 starting at 5 AM. We have to have the succulents (pop-ups), up over the tables which will already be placed by the maintenance crew, we then need to have many volunteers to help with the Fabulous Finds, pricing the items that are being provided by our generous membership, bringing ALL the items for sale out of the clubhouse to the respective areas. There are a LOT of items for sale: Fabulous Finds, Plants, Succulents, Garden Boutique, Raffle Gift Card Arrangement. this is a very busy time before we are ready to start the Sale at 9 a.m.

The final sign-up sheet will be for the actual Plant Sale & Garden Boutique itself, helping in the different areas, selling our beautiful items. This is a very popular event in the surrounding area and people look forward to it each year the day before Mother's Day, May 8th, from 8 AM 1 PM. Everyone, please help wherever you can that day and/or the day before.

Thank you ALL, in advance!

Your Fundraising Team

Bonnie Oakden (boakden@gmail.com), Tibby Montgomery, Bev Vergish, Barbara Hudgins and Ramilla Lewis

I have aprons to sell with the clubs name embroidered. They will be on the table at the next general meeting and will be $20 each.

If all the membership would wear their aprons to the meeting, it'll show the new members how functional they are.

Please contact: Ramilla at rnelewis66@hotmail.com

READING AND DEMITASSE HANGERS

If you have not yet had a chance to make a craft for the boutique, now is your chance. Or rather, May 1st is your chance.

We will be creating beautiful hangings for ttdandsias from demi-tasse cups and saucers and beads. No experience or tools required. just a desire to create something beautiful. If you DO happen to have demi-tasses or beads, bring them to the workshop. We may need your ttdandsias as well, if you have small ones.

We will meet at the Beach and Tennis Club directly after the board meeting, approximately 11:30 pm. Or come early and see how our board accomplishes so much for our club. Everyone is always welcome.

Kindly let Barbara Foster know you plan to attend. Ph: 949-380-7735

FABULOUS FINDS

Remember to save your Fabulous Finds for the upcoming Plant Sale and Boutique on May 9th. Items should be clean and in good condition. They can be delivered to the club house Thursday evening, May 7th after 5:00 PM or Friday morning.

Volunteers to price items to be sold are also welcome Thursday evening or Friday morning. Volunteers to help sell are welcome on the day of the sale, May 9, from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM (for clean-up).

Please text Bonnie Oakden, 949-825-2528, or me, Pat Chong, 949-510-0090, if you want to be on the Saturday, sale day, volunteer list.

Looking forward to seeing you and your treasures.

Pat Chong

A SUCCESSFUL 2025

ANNUAL PLANT SALE & GARDEN BOUTIQUE

THE WILDFIRE RESILIENCE FUND

The Wildfire Resilience Fund, which is in connection with Tree People, Is the main reforestation program that our Garden Club has chosen to support.

Our club members are really stepping up to support the Wildfire Resiliency Fund which is the reforestation program our club is supporting. Last month, March, a total of $70.65 was collected. For our quarterly donation, we will be sending a check to Tree People for $215.27. They will greatly appreciate this amount and definitely put it to good use towards their reforestation program in the Los Angeles area.

Just a friendly reminder, try to visit the **www.TreePeople.org** website to discover what they are all about.

Susan Delaney and Suzanne Stephens, Co-chairs

BUTTERFLY KITS

The Butterfly Kits were assembled and distributed to the participating schools in the SVUSD on March 23,2026.

Thanks to all the members who helped with the project to make it successful! Special thanks to Latha for compiling the colorful instruction materials.

On my recent visit to Pismo beach, one of the park rangers suggested to plant at least 5 milkweed plants in a cluster to provide enough food for the caterpillars!! Happy planting!

Thanks,

Neela Khanolkar

Butterfly Kits, Co-Chair

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Important dates to get on your calendar:

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.

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