

Community Datebook

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The Laguna Beach Community Alliance hosts a Cause-Alike networking event at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, to introduce Laguna Beach non-profits and groups to one another who share similar areas of interest.

Co-chairs Lee Winocur Field and Elsa Brizzi invite all interested community members to attend the Cause-Alike series at the Woman's Club, 286 St. Ann's Drive.

Agents Partner to Combat Human Trafficking

First Team Estates agents Liz Bates and Tiffany Jones (right) will host 'party with a purpose' to support victims of international sex trafficking on Friday, Oct. 14, in Laguna Beach. The event is in alliance with Costa Mesa-based Finding Freedom International, which provides services for children and young women rescued from sex in safe houses in Bangkok, Costa Rica and Mexico City.

"An estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked each year, and it happens right here in Southern California as well as worldwide," said Bates.

The event will be from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Neighborhood Congregational Church, 340 St. Ann's Drive, and will feature food, live music, dancing, a silent auction and raffles. Proceeds will support Finding Freedom International's safe houses.

To RSVP contact Bates at 949-689-9258 or Liz@GnomeApprovedHome.com.

Potted Plants on Sale at Farmers Market

Garden volunteers have been sawing, hammering, glueing and painting in order to construct artistic, one of a kind containers filled with succulents, herbs and seasonal color for the annual sale Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Laguna Beach Farmers Market.

Not to be found anywhere else these planted



Liz Bates, left, and Tiffany Jones are united by a cause.

containers will sell out fast. Shoppers will also have the opportunity to get a head start on holiday gifts by purchasing paper white narcissus and winter blooming Amaryllis.

All proceeds benefit the Hortense Miller Garden. Tours of the Garden are offered Tuesday through Saturday by arrangement with the City of Laguna Beach Recreation Department at (949) 497-0716.

Sowing Seeds for Edible Gardens

Local sustainability group Transition Laguna Beach will be sowing community garden seeds in the Top of the World neighborhood Saturday, Oct. 15, beginning with a 9 a.m. garden tour at 3137 Bonn Dr.

An explanation of the garden plan and its installation follow. A group of 20 or so members has planted a dozen gardens for private homeowners, varying from planting in containers on someone's deck or rooftop, to replacing whole lawns with a vegetable garden.

Contact Linda Lewis Elbert (949-280-6379) if you live in TOW and are interested in having a garden installed.

Two Beach Cleanups Planned

This Saturday, Oct. 15, the Boys & Girls Club, One World One Ocean Foundation, the Ocean Conservancy, and Zero Trash are teaming up to clean up Main Beach in Laguna Beach. Call the Main Branch at 949-494-2535x100 for details.

In addition, Lululemon athletic's Orange County stores along with Surfrider Foundation host a combination 9 a.m. beach cleanup and 10:30 a.m. yoga class Sunday, Oct. 16, at Crystal Cove State Park. A lunch follows.

Deadline Nears for Ocean Expedition Contest

The One World One Ocean campaign is hosting a contest where one lucky winner will be given a free two-day boating trip to Catalina Island and its kelp forests (see below) in November on an IMAX filmmaking expedition.

The winner will get to see how MacGillivray Freeman Films makes IMAX movies and explore the ocean through diving, snorkeling and swimming. To enter, people need to sign up at: <http://www.oneworldocean.org/page/s/imax-expedition-contest>. The contest ends Oct. 17 and the winner will be announced Oct. 19.

