



**CLEAR LAKE
TROWEL & TRELIS
GARDEN CLUB**



Newsletter

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Happy New Year everyone.

The last month of 2003 was a very good one for our club. We had a wonderful membership turn out to make our Christmas Wreaths. We made 156 in all, with 117 sold and the rest made for themselves by the members that worked. It was three days of hard work and a lot of fun. Thanks to all who participated in this very successful fundraiser with a special thank you to Donna Isley, for a bang-up job as chairman.

Thirty-eight members and their guests enjoyed the Christmas luncheon held at the Rainbow restaurant. It was reported that the lunch was very good. We all had a festive time.

Jim Johnson of Johnson's Custom Landscaping gave us an informative talk and answered many questions members had regarding their landscaping problems at our first regular meeting January 20th.

There is going to be a workshop before our February 17th meeting at 10:30 A.M. Gretchen McDonald will be teaching us how to make some cute wooden plant stakes, so plan to be there. She requests that we bring a small paint brush (like a small water color brush) with us and the kits for the materials to make the stakes will be \$2.

The Daffodil Tea is coming up soon, March 16, 2004. It will be held again at the Bachelor Valley Grange Hall on Government Road in Upper Lake. It begins at 12:00 P.M. This event is for the members and their guests who look forward to it every year. If you would like to have a table of four or six you will need to contact the Chairman, Jan Parkinson. Also, each member is required to bring either two dozen tea sandwiches or two dozen cookies. So contact Jan and get signed up as soon as possible.

The club is going to team up with the Ukiah Garden Club for a bus trip to the San Francisco Flower Show on March 18, 2004. The bus will leave from the Safeway parking lot in Lakeport at 7:30 A.M. The trip is open to members and friends. Thelma Dangel is chairman for C.L.T.& T. Garden Club so if you are interested in going please call her.

April's meeting will have a program on Native and Ornamental Grasses by Jim Pritchard of Herndon Creek Farms.

Now is the time to be thinking of preparations for our biannual plant sale May 14 & 15, 2004. You will need to have all your pots cleaned and sterilized, ready for potting your plant divisions and other propagation. You will need to start potting your plants soon. Leslie Jones will be overall chairman of this event with Mary Secord assisting. Please participate by helping out at the sale as well as propagating plants to sell.