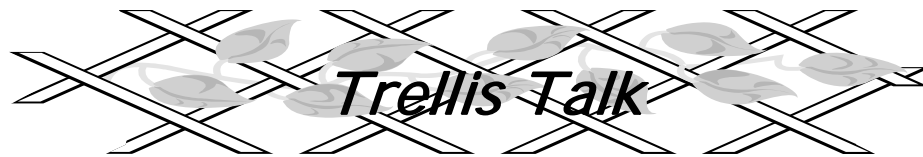


Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club (CLTTGC) is a member of Mendo-Lake District Garden Clubs, California Garden Clubs Inc (CGCI) and the National Garden Clubs Inc (NGCI). We were founded on September 21, 1955, by three women who wished to create and promote interest in amateur gardening in Lake County.

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Jo Jameson

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CLTTGC has a group page on *facebook* where you can dialog with other gardeners, share your ideas, and learn from others.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As a former Rainbow Girl in high school, I learned early that when the winters seem all black and white, maybe pretty dreary, that's why, I think, that great POWER in the sky placed the beautiful rainbow. I see rainbows in events and experiences sometimes, which are exactly what, happened the other day. I was still looking to find a gift to present to our State President, Maryanne Lucas, and was hitting a blank. I wanted photographs of Clear Lake, made a phone call, found out that I might find some in Upper Lake at the little wine tasting place. The weather cleared somewhat and off I went to find my treasure. What a treat!! As I turned left off 20, I looked up and saw the huge arch over the street that read '1864 UPPER LAKE 1864' and right away I knew the residents of Upper Lake took great pride in their little community. I parked in front of the restored Tallman's Hotel next to the



Blue Wing. I paused to admire all the old buckets and planters that spilled from the entrance. On the other side of the street, I found the wine tasting nook which was closed, then ventured on to find the old hardware store converted into the most charming mall reminiscent of Fort Bragg's Railroad Museum. Tiny shops beckoned you in, and then pulled you back out into the foyer lined with wonderful (and huge) furniture built from local black walnut wood. I wandered down as far as the street went then crossed simulated cobble stone walkways and Gracious Ladies called me in. Wow! With my rainbow complete now, I could go home, find another alternative, knowing this experience happened at just the right time. Yes, it rained on the way home; I was very thankful, we still needed lots more but I had my rainbow right where I needed it most.

Happy Valentine's Day & hope you take time to fall in love with life all over



Meals on Wheels Valentine's greetings from CLTTGC . . . Claire Grieve

This is the 3rd year to remember those people that receive Meals on Wheels with a 'goodie bag'. Members can make or buy cards, signing them is a nice touch. Members can bring candy or bake cookies (best to be wrapped). The club buys the small bags (they are about 4 x 8 inches or so), some candy and a card that tells them that this bag of goodies and greeting is from our garden club. At the workshop we assemble the bags: **Meet at Claire's, 970 Fourth St, Lakeport; 10am on Feb. 10th,**

When the bags are done, I'll have coffee/tea and some banana nut bread. June Beto will deliver the bags to the Lucerne Senior Center (needs 50+ bags) and **Jo Douville** will deliver the bags to the Lakeport Senior Center (need 140+ bags) on Wed afternoon or Thursday morning – and then Meals on Wheels will deliver them on Thursday or Friday – Valentine's Day is on Sunday. So our goal is to fill 200 bags (that's 5 extra for each Senior Center).

Thanks, Claire

HINT: Hi, here is the formula I got from the doctor: Boil manzanita leaves, sticks, bark, in water until a light brown liquid develops. Strain the water off. Use a clean cloth in this brown solution, once it is cooled, dip into fluid and apply to the skin to help with the itching. It may take one to two hours for the itching to go away, but this is a native American remedy for itchy skin secondary to poison oak. (this worked for me. **Jo.Shaul**)

*Roses are red, Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet, and so are you!*

Green Thumbs Up

to new member **Tammy Bransford** who volunteered be our Youth Chairperson. She has agreed to be the liaison person between the Kelseyville Elementary School—Kid's Garden & CLTTGC. As you know we have a budget of \$100.00 for our youth project. How important is it to pass along our love of gardening to the next generations? In the past we have helped with tools, seeds, and cash donations. So Tammy, we appreciate your willingness to help.



Upcoming Daffodil Tea
March 16, 2010 at the Bachelor
Valley Grange in Upper Lake.



RECIPE: **Pam Held** gave the State President this recipe and I just had to share it with you. Watch out--you'll ruin your New Year's resolution.

Sour Cream Candied Walnuts

2 cups sugar
1 cup sour cream (Knudsen's with NO gelatin)
Bring to soft ball stage or 238 degrees
Let cool slightly
Add 1 tsp. vanilla and 3 cups walnuts halves.
Place on foil to cool; break apart if needed.
Avoid tasting! Especially if these are to be served tonight at your party.

THAR'S GOLD IN THEM THAR HILLS

by Jerry Shaul

For 15 years I had admired the sheer rocky cliffs that rose above the Napa Valley. Powerful sentinels guarding nature's finest. I had wondered what treasure might lie behind them that deserved these magnificent sentries. Shortly after moving on from my urban to rural lifestyle I found time to explore many points of interest. One of them was this magnificent rock formation. A two hour hike, from the highway and I was standing on a pinnacle of rock overlooking the beautiful northern Napa Valley. I turned and in the distance there appeared to be a treasure of gold. Being a cool and sunny day, in May, would make it an easy hike to satisfy my curiosity about these mounds of gold that seemed to glow in the sunlight. As I came closer the mounds became clumps of bright wax-like golden yellow flowers covering a multi-trunk shrub from top to bottom. Less conspicuous were small dark green leaves with swallow indentations. I assumed this showy plant to be an exotic that had graced the

landscape of someone's hide-a-way cabin or campsite. However, after developing an interest in California native flora I discovered that it was a sub-species (napense) of the California Fremontia (Fremontodenron Californicum). It is indeed a native to the brushy well drained slopes of Napa, Lake and Yolo counties. Like the other two species and several sub-species it is evergreen. Although they produce an abundance of seed the seven Fremontias in my yard have never produced "volunteer" seedlings. I find it faster and more reliable to propagate plants from cuttings taken after spring blooming. These plants are deer resistant, drought tolerant and do well when planted in dry places with good drainage and full sun. The golden flowers of the Fremontia are striking, especially when accompanied by one of the blue California lilacs (ceonothus).

Go Native!





SMOKEY BEAR CONTEST:

Claire and Jo J visited Marilyn Gunther's second grade classroom along with **Pat Hopper** to work on the student's Smokey Bear poster contest. The first

place winner's poster was sent on to the state level. Mrs. Gunther is interested in expanding the contest to including other classes and would like to know if we would be interested in helping.



See Pat Hopper or Jo J for more details.

BOARD MEETING: 11:00 AM prior to February Meeting. Lunch will be provided.

Green Thumbs Up

to **THANKS: to everyone who gave** gifts to our California Garden Club President. We were asked to give items that depicted our area and light-weighted as they were to be mailed back to Southern California. Fresh walnuts, sour cream candied walnuts, pear butter, and several packets of photographs of the Mum Show and Clear Lake are the ones received at the time of this writing.



STATE PRESIDENT GIFT: Our club will be presenting **Maryann Lucas**, California Garden Club President, with a gift of \$50.00 which will be used for her special project 'Kids Growing Strong'. She has a wonderful message of her childhood and how our spaces are becoming more and more limited but by using our resources wisely "we can make a difference and share the joys, the wonders and the rich life with those who might miss it without help."

Green Thumbs Up

to **Mary Welsh** for being our Speaker. Mary gave an informative talk on caring for roses. Good Q&A. Here are some products she uses in her own garden.



- 1) Pre-emergence, ie Preem
- 2) Root Blast
- 3) Bayer Rose & Flower systemic for aphids, spider mites & Thrips
- 4) Miracle Grow for Roses.



FREEDOM HOUSE GIFTS:

Linda Waterstraat and **Leanne Harvey** purchased 2 Eureka vacuums, a service set of Corelle dishes,

service of four, plus 15 extra plates, along with paper towels and toilet paper. After delivering the items, they were given a tour of the rooms, the kitchen area and meeting rooms.

New Members

By Ginny



Sunshine Report:

by Nora



New Member:

Tammy

Jan 5 Welcome card to Kathleen Bisaccio.

Jan 22 Thinking of You card to Carmen Carpenter.

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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
2298 Hendricks Road
Lakeport, CA 95453

Garden Club Affiliates

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- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
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President: Maryanne Lucas
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)

Enjoy! Enrich! Encourage! Empower!

Forget-me-nots

February 2010: (Consult your Yearbook for Details)

- 7 **Happy Birthday! Reba Richardson**
- 8 **Willits Garden Club's 59th Birthday.**
By invitation only.
- 9 **Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers:**
11pm Theme: All Green Design.
- 10 **Meals on Wheels-Valentine Gifts.**
- 14 **Happy Valentine's Day!**
- 14 **Happy Birthday! Carmen Carpenter**
- 16 **Happy Birthday! Mary Ann Worth**
- 17 **Happy Birthday! Guthrie Worth**
- 19 **Regular Club Meeting:**
Hostesses: B Swanson, Pam Held, Jo Shaul
11:00pm Board Meeting.
12:00pm Social Time.
12:30pm Flower Roll Call.
1:00pm Meeting.
2:00pm **Program:** Wild Flower Slide Show.

Presented by Jerry Shaul.

26 **Happy Birthday! Jo Douville**

27 **Happy Birthday! Joelle Holford**

March 2010:

- 1 **Happy Birthday! Ginny Cline.**
- 2 **Garden Therapy—Clearlake**
- 15 **Tea Set-up.**
- 16 **Daffodil Tea.**
- 18 **Garden Therapy-Lucerne**
- 24-28 **SF Flower & Garden Show**
San Mateo Event Center
www.sfgardenshow.com
415 684-7278 ext 2

Deadline for newsletters articles is the 4th Tuesday.

CATALOG: Bountiful Gardens have their 2010 catalog out now. www.bountifulgardens.org

LEFT AT THE CLUB HOUSE: A green glass milk bottle with wire clamp top holding paper whites. Call Jo J if it's yours.