

# 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 five women who wished to create and promote interest in amateur gardening in Lake County.

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## **Officers:**

### **President:**

**Linda Waterstraat**

### **Vice President:**

**Helen Turley**

### **Treasurer:**

**Rena Clifton**

### **Secretary:**

**Marva Brandt**

### **Parliamentarian:**

**Jo Shaul**

[www.clttgc.org](http://www.clttgc.org)

## **SUGGESTIONS:**

**PLANT-** spring bulbs, corms, tubers, garlic, potatoes, pansies, violas, alyssum, stock, and snapdragons; seed wild-flowers.

## **Thyme with President Linda**

The preparations are in full swing for upcoming club events. The Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers are gearing up for the chrysanthemum show, "Memories & Mums" on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets for bow making, wreath making and the Christmas luncheon are all sure signs that the holidays are just around the corner. There's much to do in the next few months.

This morning on my daily walk at Clear Lake State Park, I noticed a few people with binoculars standing on the bridge hoping to see more than the usual herons, ducks and egrets. As I continued on my way, I caught the scent of California Bay Laurels and that earthy smell in the air right after a light rain. What a wonderful, calming effect that park has on my soul.

Then I thought about this being a time when we are reminded to give thanks for all the blessings we've received and to reflect on the things that enrich our lives—even the little things like the smell of wet dirt!

I'm so grateful for my garden club friends. Each meeting I see members greeting each other with a hug and I realize many of those friendships go back many years.

I want to thank all of you who are willing and able to give so much of your time and energy to our club during these busy months ahead. When you work closely with others on a committee or at various events, those bonds of friendship seem to strengthen and we all benefit. For that, we should be grateful.

**Remember- 'Grow Along With Us'.**



## **'Memories and Mums'**

**Friday, November 12th, 1-4 pm**

*Free event for the public to come and enjoy some cider and cookies while viewing lovely flower arrangements of 'Memories and*

*Mums'. This is an all club event. Please notify*

*Shirley Estrem with the name of your arrangement so she can make a label. Everyone is asked to bring cookies.*

*Also, at the November meeting, our program will feature Shirley sharing the basics in flower arranging—specifically Mum Show exhibits.*

*Fliers will be available to send out to friends and local establishments.*



*"KIDS GROWING STRONG program is the result of a ten-year journey to share my passion for the beauty and joy that can be found in nature....particularly in our own backyard!"* Maryanne Lucas



Visit this exciting website <http://kidsgrowingstrong.com> to see this CGCI project that promotes 'Strong Bodies, Strong Minds and a Healthy Lifestyle through garden-based education'.

**KGS Mission:** The purpose of Kids Growing Strong is to inspire children and their families to adopt a healthy lifestyle through garden-based education, proper nutrition and active living.

**KGS Vision:** Energetic, engaged, healthy children who develop a passion for life-long learning.

**North Lake Garden Club  
1st Annual Holiday Gardening  
Craft, Bazaar, & Boutique Faire**



When: November 27, 2010  
Where: Sons of Italy  
2817 E Highway 20, Nice  
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00pm



HOLIDAY AT THE  
TEA HOUSE

Free Admission  
Door Prizes

Flower Arranging  
Demonstration

50/50 Drawing

By: Wil Gonzalez, Pres  
Ukiah Garden Club  
1:00 p.m.

LUNCH  
Hot Dogs, Chili Beans  
Drinks & More

COME BUY & LEARN

Garden Supplies

Succulents

Antique Garden Items

Cactus

Garden Related Crafts

Gardening tools

Veggie Gardening 101

Plants

Kids

Garden Art

Kids Growing Strong

Nurseries

Irrigation

House Plants

Mendo-Lake District

Gourds

Booth

Flower Arranging

North Lake GC Booth

Vases &Supplies

Hydroponics

<b>Corn Pudding</b>	3 t. minced onion
1 can corn (do not drain)	½ c. milk
2 cans creamed corn	½ c. melted butter
5 eggs (slightly beaten)	<u>Mix</u> all together in a large bowl.
½ cup sugar	<u>Pour</u> into 3 qt. casserole.
4 T. cornstarch	<u>Bake</u> at 400* for 1 ½ hrs.
1½ t. Lawry's Seasoned Salt	An old family favorite from Linda W

**WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE, OH YEAH!**

by Jerry Shaul



Josephine, do you remember our 'Big City' water mentality? We landscaped with total disregard for water conservation. Lawns, lawns and more lawns. Lush thirsty vegetation not suited for California's Mediterranean climate. Just turn the faucet and untapped reserves of water was always available. Two to three times more water than the lawns needed--water overflowed into the street. Oh well water was cheap.

Then a rude awakening! It was back to Lake County where we relied entirely and paid dearly for our own water well and delivery system. The recent installation of a 2500 gallon holding tank allows us to irrigate as we did when our well produced 10-15 gallons per minute instead of the limited two gallons per minute that it delivers to the holding tank at present.

With the ever increasing number of 'straws' being

dipped into our aquifer the water table has dropped in our area from 70 feet to over 90 feet. Where does it stop? Well, it stops with you and I. ***As garden club members we set examples and educate others regarding landscape beautification while conserving water.*** Rock gardens that replace lawns, selection of un-thirsty plants, more trees and shrubs. Time controlled irrigation systems that deliver water where it is needed, soil conditioners that hold the water where needed and mulches to reduce evaporation.

Josephine, old girl, would you please check that pitiful looking hydrangea to see if it needs more water to survive our, 90 degrees, in the shade, weather. And I strongly suggest that you consider putting your rhododendrons out of their 'dying of heat stroke' misery.

Jerry, what's with this 'old girl' stuff?



October's Program featured Gabriele O'Neill who



taught us how to make herbal face and body lotion. If you did not get the printout, contact Linda Waterstraat.



### BOW MAKING WORKSHOP:



November 18th, 9 am  
at Barbara Swanson's house.  
Fun time to visit while making the 150+ bows.

At the District Meeting held in Potter Valley on Oct. 27th, Director GinaBelle and others paid tribute to Potter Valley Garden Club member, Betty Lindvig, who passed away on Sat., Oct. 9. She will be missed by her family and friends.

**TREE COUNT:** Each year CLTTGC provides information to members and encourages them to plant trees. **YOUR HELP AND INPUT IS NEEDED NOW!** Please let me know how many trees you planted in 2010. If you can specify what kind of trees you planted, then my report to the State Garden Club can be even more complete. Please let me know by the Nov meeting as I need to get the report done by November 17th. You may anticipate the trees you will be planting in December. (The Christmas fir tree in the pot ? ?)



Please contact me with this information by email, at the meeting or by phone, or drop me a note in the mail.

LKHarvey@mchsi.com, Leanne Harvey, 263-0850, PO Box 824, Lakeport, CA 95453.

Ann, Jo, Linda, and Doris, please let me know how many trees the club planted as a group with community beautification, Penny Pines, etc.

Thanks so much for your help on this. Leanne

### CHRISTMAS WREATHS:



- ◆ Return order forms with all money & checks to Linda Pyers at the November meeting.
- ◆ Need lots of greenery in manageable bundles. Suzanne Russell is your contact.
- ◆ Need more volunteers to work the 4 hour shifts.
- ◆ Lunch will *not* be provided—bring a sack lunch.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

Sign-up at the November Meeting. Luncheon will be held at Zino's on Thursday, December 16th (*date correction to yearbook*). Be thinking about a worthy cause to made a donation to for the holiday season.



### What? More on Container Gardening?

by Linda Waterstraat



Almost any plant can be grown successfully in the right container with proper drainage.

There are three things to consider when planting- sunlight, soil and water requirements. You obviously want to choose plants that have relatively the same needs.

I once heard a gardener use the term '*thrill, fill & spill*' when referring to one way to plant interesting containers.

The '*thrill*' is a taller plant, the '*fill*' will be a plant to fill in around the base and the '*spill*' will drape over the outside of the container. One combination that's always worked for me is dracaena spike,

('Cordyline indivisa') for the thrill, red ivy-leaved pelargoniums for the fill and variegated vinca minor or sweet alyssum for the spill.

No matter what you plant, a well thought out color scheme can make the difference between a container that's just pretty and one that has that '*WOW!*' factor.

Single color schemes can be striking because they emphasize the contrasting forms of flowers & foliage, but so can contrasts of color and tone. It all hinges on your tastes and creativity.

Next time I'll write about color palettes and plant combinations.

## Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

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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

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org))  
National President: Renee Blaschke
- **Pacific Region**  
SandraFord@cableone.net  
Director: Sandy Ford
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org](http://www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org))  
President: Maryanne Lucas
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.MendoLakeDistrict.org](http://www.MendoLakeDistrict.org))  
District Director: GinaBelle Smith



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## Forget-me-nots

### November 2010:

- 2 Garden Therapy—Clearlake  
10:30am (Tuesday)
- 4 Garden Therapy—Lucerne  
10:30am (Thursday)
- 4 **Happy Birthday Tom Welsh!**
- 9 11:00am (Tues) LKRA-Flower Arrangers  
Theme: Arranger's Choice  
(using chrysanthemums)
- 11 Veterans Day!
- 16 11:00am CLTTGC Board Meeting
- 16 **Regular Club Meeting**  
Hostesses: Heide Thomason, Sunny Westergren, & Carmen Carpenter.  
12:00pm Social Time  
12:30pm Flower Roll Call

1:00pm Meeting

2:00pm Program: Shirley Estreem  
'Flower Arranging Basics'

19 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers—Ukiah.

27 North Lake Garden Club-  
1st Annual Holiday Faire

Deadline for  
newsletter articles  
is the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**Sunshine Report**

by Jo Douville

October Cards

Thinking of You:

MaryAnn Worth; June & Roger Beto.

Get Well:

Pam Held; Carol Brabrook.



In fall, don't cut down plants  
like black-eyed Susans,  
cosmos, coreopsis and coneflowers.  
Their seed heads are natural bird feeders.