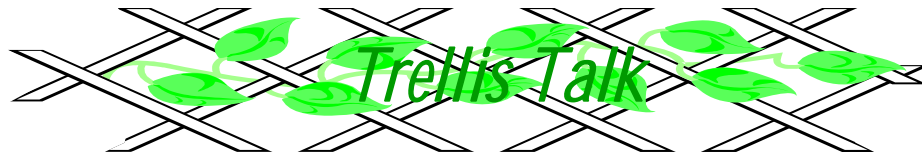


# Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



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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## **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**-Flower bulbs; pea, carrot, lettuce & beets from seed; trees & lawns.

**TRANSPLANT**-Calendula, pansies, primroses, stock & snapdragons.

## **Thyme with President Linda**

*I was thinking about our first program theme for the club's new year, 'CLTTGC, Then and Now'. We'll take a look back in time, see where we are now and what we want for the future.*

*I couldn't help but draw a comparison to my life 'then and now'. When my husband and I planned our retirement, we knew we wanted to escape the harsh winters in the Midwest and move west. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Life is a journey, not a destination." We weren't sure what our destination would be, but we knew it would be a fine journey! As fate would have it, we ended up in Lake County.*

*Back East, I especially looked forward to every change of season. I tried to create a landscape that would provide some kind of visual interest year around. Red twig dogwoods and evergreens contrasted against a white blanket of snow which could last for five months. By April the daffodils, tulips and hosta were poking up out of the ground. Trees were budding and winter finally came to an end!*

*When we moved here in late fall, my first trip into Lakeport was to buy groceries, dirt and pansies. I was thrilled to have blooms all winter long on my front porch. I sent boastful pictures of my window boxes to all my gardener friends back in Illinois. Imagine! Flowers blooming in January! The life of a Lake County gardener is in so many ways different from what I was used to in Elmhurst, Illinois.*

*Club members who have moved here from other parts of California say the same thing. We have such diverse micro-climates here throughout Northern California. Two miles down the road from my home, they're growing citrus successfully!*

*The garden club opens doors and provides opportunities for all to reap the benefits of gardening. Whether you're new to Lake County or a 'native', we can all learn so much from one another while enjoying the bonds of friendship.*

*See you soon and remember...*

**'Grow Along With Us'**



*"One can complain because rosebushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." Abraham Lincoln*

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRMEN  
PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO ATTEND  
A MEETING AT 11AM.**



## Green Thumbs Up

**Club Members** exhibited flowers, arrangements, & crafts at this years Lake Co Fair.



**Good Job!**

The 'DIRT' on Container Gardening ... by Linda W



Container gardening is appealing in many ways. Whether you have a large or small area for gardening, there's always a good spot for a container grown plant. You can bring the garden right up to the door of your house! It is a versatile way of making places we live more attractive. It can be rewarding to both the proficient gardener and the beginner because it leaves plenty of opportunity for individual creativity. Gardening in pots, planters and hanging baskets offers many advantages. Like furniture, containers can be moved around to create new looks. Being creative with your choice of containers also adds to the fun. Just like the Ka-Ba-Tin floral arrangers, container gardeners are always on the lookout for objects that can take on a new lease of life as a planter. I'll be writing more about some of the basic techniques of container gardening along with obvious advantages and yes... some disadvantages. If you have any thoughts, tips or comments on the subject, please contact Linda Pyers or Linda Waterstraat so we can include them in our newsletter.



## Green Thumbs Up

A committee of 6: **Bill & Pam Held, June Beto, Jo Douville, Barbara Swanson, Susan Buckles** created a lovely sitting area in front of Sutter Hospital in Lakeport. Prior to placing boxwoods and various rock formations, no one seemed to know the benches (displaying names of Hospital Auxiliary Members) even existed.

*Now it is a quiet little retreat for everyone to enjoy!*



## Green Thumbs Up

Golden Gardens honored **Dwight & Joelle Holford** for all they have done at Sierra Youth Center on behalf of Luther Burbank District.

## JOSEPHINE'S NURSERY

by Jerry Shaul



Josephine, your ornamental garden has become a nursery. Seedlings, root divisions, layering and bird droppings, when given tender loving care, have provided thousands of new plants that could have been plucked and burned. These new plants adorn your landscape and those of fellow gardeners. They have been received well through plant sales and now 180 tiny but beautiful Japanese Maples will be given to guests at your grand daughter's wedding to symbolize how *'love like a tree grows more beautiful with time'*.

Unlike the Japanese Maple which has been propagated from its seeds, you have another exotic beauty that graces our landscape. While leafless in the spring it abounds with bright yellow blossoms that excite the human sense of sight when placed next to plants

that produce blossoms with a bluish hue. With a growth height to 10ft and a spread of 8ft, its vine-like branches gracefully droop and some kiss the ground where they may root if the soil is damp. This, my dear, is how all of your Forsythia Suspense (Weeping Forsythia) made the scene. This propagation process is called 'layering'.

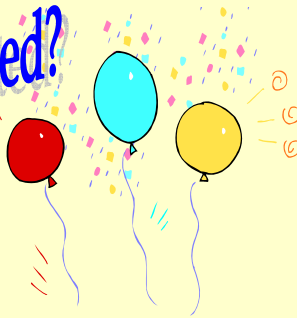
Most plants can be encouraged to root by layering by forcing a branch to touch, be secured and covered with damp soil. Exposing a small area of cambium layer may accelerate root growth. Like Josephine you end up with a clone of the Mother and a plant that when weaned from the Mother and potted is equivalent to a one gallon nursery plant.

Josephine, don't you think it would look better if you used only the lower branches.



# Happy 55th Anniversary

Why was this club created?



**THEN**

How did we get our name Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis?

**NOW**



Can you name the three ladies who started CLITGC?



## *HOW WE GOT OUR NAME*

*FLOWER LOVERS, FLOWER ARRANGERS, FLOWER GROWERS ALL  
IF YOU WOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE LOVES OF YOURS,  
COME AND ANSWER THE CALL –  
COME TO THE GATERING WHERE EXPERTS WILL TEACH US –  
COME TO THE HOME ECONOMIC'S HALL.*

*THIS WAS THE CALL THAT WENT OUT ONE DAY IN 1955  
AND NOW WE CELEBRATE THAT DAY IN 1970 (2010)*

*A GOODLY CROWD CAME OUT THAT DAY  
AND AS THE INTEREST GREW  
'T WAS DECIDED WE SHOULD FORM A CLUB  
ALL AGREED 'T WAS THE THING TO DO*

*THEN CAME THE FAIR AND WE WERE ASKED  
TO ENTER A GARDEN BOOTH  
'FAIRY-TALES' WAS THE THEME OF THE FAIR THAT YEAR  
AND WE COULD CHOOSE OUR OWN FORSOOTH*

*AT A MEETING HELD ONE EVENING LATE  
WE CONSIDERED LONG AND HARD  
AND AT LAST DECIDED WE'D TAKE AS OUR THEME  
'LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD'*

*NOW TO WORK TO BUILD OUR BOOTH  
'T WOULD TAKE A BIT OF DOING  
SO ARMED WITH SHOVELS, RAKES AND HOES  
WE HURRIED TO MAKE A SHOWING  
WE SHOVELED SAWDUST AND PACKED IT DOWN  
AND RAKED IT TO PERFECTION  
THEN CAME ANNE FROM THE OFFICE, SAYING  
"A NAME – A NAME YOU MUST HAVE FOR REGISTRATION*

*LOUISE AND CAROL STOPPED THEIR HOEING AND RAKING  
THEY STOOD AND THEY THO'T AND WE THO'T AND THEY THO'T  
THEY LOOKED AT THEIR HOE AND THEY LOOKED AT THEIR RAKE  
AS THO' FOR INSPIRATION*

*CAROL MUSINGLY SOUNDED "HOE AND RAKE CLUB"  
"SHOVEL AND SPADE CLUB"  
"OH NO!- OH NO!" – IN DESPERATION  
THEN "TROWEL – HOW DOES THAT SOUND,  
BUT WHAT GOES WITH TROWEL?".*

*THEN LOUISE – TRYING OUT THE SOUND  
REPEATED – "TROWEL – TROWEL – TROWEL AND TRELLIS"  
"HOW IS THAT GANG?"*

*AND THE GANG – ALL OF US STANDING 'ROUND  
TOOK UP THE SOUND YOU SEE*

*"TROWEL AND TRELLIS – TROWEL AND TRELLIS"  
SO THAT'S HOW OUR NAME CAME TO BE.*

**North Lake Garden Club  
1st Annual Holiday Gardening**

When: November 27, 2010  
Where: Sons of Italy  
2817 E. Highway 20, Nice  
Time: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**ATTENTION:**

Vendors/Exhibitors/Sales  
Cost is \$15.00 for a booth.  
Call Don Smith to reserve  
your space 274-2165



**COME BUY & LEARN**

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|------------------|------------------|
| Succulents       | Cactus           |
| Gardening tools  | Plants           |
| Garden Art       | Nurseries        |
| House Plants     | Gourds           |
| Flower Arranging | Vases & Supplies |
| Garden Supplies  | etc.....         |

LUNCH: Hot Dogs, Chili Beans Drinks & More

Free Admission—Door Prizes—50/50 Drawing

Flower Arranging Demonstration  
By: Wil Gonzalez, President  
Ukiah Garden Club  
1:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY AT THE TEA HOUSE



*Green Thumbs Up*

**Jo Douville** has been busily fulfilling her duties as our Sunshine Chairman. This summer cards went out to Nora Gerrard, who had eye surgery; June Beto for Roger's illness; Carol Brabrook for the loss of her beloved Don DeBolt; Linda Pyers for Terry's accident & illness. *If you become ill or suffer loss, please let someone know. If you become aware that a member could use a card, please let either Jo Douville or Pres Linda W. know so a card can be sent.*

**Master Gardeners of Lake County—Fall Gardening Program...**

By Helen Turley

On August 14, the Lake County Master Gardeners held a Fall Vegetable Planting Workshop at Ko-nocti Vista Casino. It was well attended and a couple of other CLTTGC members were there, too. There was so much information given that I left feeling that I learned a lot but was really grateful for the handouts because there was way too much information to remember. The topics covered were Soil Amendments and Soil Preparation, Water Management, The 10-Steps of Seed Starting, and Transplanting Vegetables in Lake

County. It was a lot to cover in a three-hour workshop but was a teaser for **more specialized workshops in the future.** The best handout I received was "Lake County Challenges and Ways to Deal with Them". Just in case you need to be reminded, these challenges include our short growing season, huge temperature swings within 24 hours, clay soil that becomes hard as cement when dry, hot summers with intense UV radiation, frequently wet winters, and, of course, deer, gophers, and ground squirrels (and I'm sure you

can think of a few more critters that challenge you in your garden). **Deer:** fencing is the only real option, if you grow vegetables. **Gophers:** raised beds lined with hardware cloth at the bottom, traps. **Ground squirrels:** protect susceptible crops with mesh bags, stockings, cages. This made me very grateful for my 6' fence and eight raised beds and confirmed that I am doing some things right even though I am a novice. We'll keep you posted as the Master Gardeners offer other workshops and don't forget the helpline-263-6838.

**Lake Ka-ba-tin Redbud Arrangers**

All members are automatically members of this flower arranging group. We meet on the second Tuesday each month (except Jul & Aug) at the Mendo-Lake Credit Union's conference room (11th St in Lakeport). Each month we have a theme that depicts a specific creative design (see year-book or watch 'forget-me-not' calendar in Trellis Talk. If this is brand new for you—join us! If you have been arranging in judged completions—join us! It is a fun time and everyone grows from the experience.

*"Odd as it may appear, a gardener does not grow from seed, shoot, bulb, rhizome, or cutting, but from experience, surroundings and natural conditions."*  
Karel Capek

Club Members attended the Planning Meeting to kick-off the new 2010-11 year. President Linda presented her vision for the new year and VP Helen told about upcoming programs and activities. We had an open discussion of ideas and budget expenses.



## 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



# Grow Along With Us!



## Forget-me-nots

### September 2010:

- 1 *Happy Birthday Doris Ellsworth!*
- 3 *Happy Birthday Ginny Gunderson!*
- 2-5 *Lake County Fair.*
- 8 *Happy Birthday Jan Kespohl!*
- 14 *11:00am (Tues) LKRA-Flower Arrangers,  
Theme: Panel Design.*
- 15-17 *CGCI Fall Board Meeting -Palm Springs.*
- 17 *11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers—Ukiah.*
- 21-22 *Garden Study School (ref to Yearbook)*
- 21 *11:00am Board Meeting.*

\*\*\*\*\* *Signup to be a Hostess* \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* *Next Month -Christmas Wreath Orders* \*\*\*\*\*

- 21 *Regular Club Meeting  
Hostesses: Helen Turley, Diane Neilson,  
& Sue Gardner-Neumann.  
12:00pm Social Time  
Anniversary Party  
Flower Roll Call.  
1:00pm Meeting.*

- 27 *Happy Birthday Jim Smith!*

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

**WARNING:** Nancy Benkelman noticed a strange growth on her petunia plants. After doing some research, it was determined to be odder. (Cuscuta sp.) According to the Master Gardeners Handbook, dodder is a slender, twining plant that produces a dense, tangled mat of yellow or orange strands that entwine and spread over host plants such as tomatoes, cantaloupe, onion and alfalfa. Dodder seed over-winters in the soil, where it germinates and enters the host tissue. Control of Cuscuta can be difficult. Certain herbicides will help. If anyone has had experience with this, let us know.