

# 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



**SUGGESTIONS:**  
**PLANT-** marigolds, petunias, impatiens, begonias, lobelia, vinca & nasturtiums.

As soon as the soil can be worked, begin planting ground covers and perennials.

## Thyme with President Linda

I hope by the time you're reading this that the rain has subsided a bit and we're enjoying some sunny skies and warmer weather. On our walk today at the State Park, we saw several trees down along with flooded campsites and walkways. Hopefully you are warm and dry.

The tea was wonderful this year. I have received so many notes and messages from guests who said how much they enjoyed the day. It took a lot of effort from many members to make it so enjoyable. We are grateful to Nora for her leadership as our Chair, to all of the committee members and to the hostesses. Together we did an outstanding job!

We are fortunate this month to have Kate Frey as our speaker. Her topic will be 'Sustainable Gardening'. Sustainable gardening is gardening in an environmentally friendly way. Your garden will thrive with a minimum amount of water, fertilizer, pesticides and labor. I suggest bringing a notepad along because Kate will provide lots of good information.

Jo Douville is ready to present a workshop before the April meeting. The trowel sign she will teach us to make will look good in the garden and give us a chance to use our creative talents!

Remember... 'Grow Along With Us'

 **Craft Workshop:** Jo Douville has designed a wooden trowel sign that will look great on a gate. 14 people signed up. Please arrive by 10:15-10:30am. Bring a base coating brush and a lettering brush if you have them. The fee for supplies is \$3.00.

**NO BOARD MEETING  
THIS MONTH**

*What is a weed?  
I have heard it said there are sixty definitions.  
For me, a weed is a plant out of place.  
Donald Culross Reattie*

**April 19th, Program:** Kate Frey will be talking on 'Sustainable Gardening'  
Note: Change to Yearbook.

**April 27th, Mendo-Lake District Meeting:** Marva Brandt is Chairing this event.  
Deadline for reservations is April 18th. See page 7 for menu.

## Peggy Martin Rose

The 'Peggy Martin Rose' was one of only two plants surviving two weeks of 20 feet of salt water over the garden of Mrs. Peggy Martin of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.



Since then, it has been introduced into commerce in the U.S. and has become a symbol among gardeners and rose lovers of a tenacious plant. It is associated with a spirit of renewal and regrowth in the aftermath of a devastating blow of Nature against those living and gardening in the Gulf Coast area.

In 2003, Dr. Bill Welch had taken cuttings of this rose from Peggy Martin's garden and established it at his home in Texas. When the Greater Houston Community Foundation created Zone IX Horticulture Res-

toration Fund, with the goal of raising funds for garden restoration in New Orleans, Beaumont and other Gulf Coast locations, Dr. Welch wanted to help. He wanted to use the 'Peggy Martin Rose' as a fundraiser. He approached several rose growers with the idea of donating some of the proceeds from the rose to the fund. He provided cuttings to six growers who have made the rose available to rose lovers everywhere. These growers donate \$1 per plant to the fund. With its good looks and healthy vigor, the 'Peggy Martin Rose' (zones 6-9) is well on its way to becoming a classic mainstay for those wanting a manly climber that is without thorns, with abundant pink clusters and small flowers. After it has become established, it re-blooms in the fall when the hot temperatures abate.

(Excerpt from 'Keeping in Touch', National Garden Clubs, Inc)

### NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012

President- Helen Turley

Vice President- Linda Waterstraat

Secretary- Jo Douville

Treasurer- Ginny Cline

Voting will take place at the April meeting.

Thanks again to our nominating committee.



## *Beauty and the Beast*

*by Jerry Shaul*

I've always admired the organized randomness of natural landscapes. The sea shores of Northern California, the Redwood Groves and the Shores of Lake Tahoe. All have something in common: a feeling of permanence, a blending of the delicate and the stout, an assortment of shapes and sizes and restful randomness in the placement of things. There seems to be a complete lack of the discipline that has conditioned man to use symmetry, straight lines, regular geometric shapes, color coordination, flat and paved surfaces, manicured hedges and screens and areas of unnatural looking grass. Most of us thoroughly enjoy and are in awe of the ways natural landscapes have been put together. However there are only a few who dare to '*bring it home*'. There are bonuses to be

had by adopting nature's ways. A diversity of wild animals finds it to their liking, especially birds. Rainfall and the collection of humus and compost satisfy the cultural needs of the plant life. The natural look especially when using indigenous natives requires less grooming and protection from diseases and pests. And Josephine we no longer have to travel to Cobb or Bartlett mountains to enjoy the peace, quiet and beauty of the whispering pines. My dear, I wish we had time to share our 40 plus years of building our natural sanctuary. I think next time we should grab a cup of coffee and describe each feature as we meander through the maze of pathways while admiring the '*Beauties and the Beasts*'.



# 2011 Daffodil Tea











# Green Thumbs Up



## A Few Words About Nora...

A sigh of relief was heard when Nora said "I'll chair the Daffodil Tea." because we knew our beloved event would be in her capable hands.

This year's tea provided a delightful afternoon for all to enjoy. A plain, beige room was transformed into a colorful, inviting tea room. Each table had its own theme and showcased the creativity of the hostess.

Because Nora had experienced working in the kitchen for the tea, she came up with the idea of calling hostesses in small groups to select food which made it easier for everyone. Once again, Nora's common sense prevailed! All those months of planning

and attending to all the details made the day a roaring success.

For all of our new members, Nora served as our club treasurer for six years. I'm sure that's a record for the most consecutive years in a CLTTGC office.

Nora was one of the first ladies I met when I moved to Lake County. My husband met Nora's late husband Ralph walking their dog Heather in the park. In their conversation, we found out at one time they lived just a few miles from where we lived outside of Chicago. We even shared a mutual friend. We were invited to their home for lunch and later Nora took me to my first garden club meeting. I joined that day. And for that I am grateful!

**Thank you Nora** for everything you have done for our club and continue to do. We appreciate you!

## MENU

### We are hosting the Mendo-Lake District Meeting on Wednesday, April 27th

#### **Morning**

Coffee, tea and juice served with pastries and fruit.

#### **Luncheon**

Field Greens with Fresh Sliced Strawberries, Gorgonzola Crumbles, and Toasted Nuts tossed in a Vinaigrette.  
Homemade Cheddar Cheese Buttermilk Biscuits & Butter.  
Classic Quiche Lorraine or Vegetarian Quiche.

(PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU WANT VEGETARIAN)



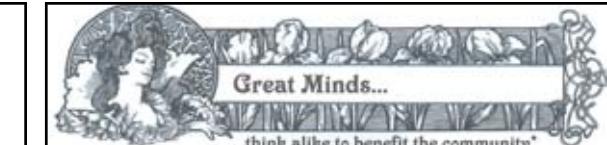
Assortment of Fresh Baked Cupcakes.  
Brewed Iced Tea / Lemon Ade

Please give Rena a check for \$15  
(and quiche choice) payable to  
CLTTGC by April 18th.

## Penny Pines and Arbor Day



This year Arbor Day is observed on Friday, April 29th. CLTTGC will present a Penny Pines Plantation to the students of Lakeport Elementary School. This will be a good lesson on the importance of sustaining national and urban forests through the reforestation/forest education program. Our gift will also put the word out about the program to parents and staff at the school.



The Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

AND

The Friends of the Lake County Library

have both chosen

Saturday, May 7th

to offer to you their

## SPRING SALE

at two locations in beautiful downtown Lakeport

### PLANTS

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Lincoln Leavitt Insurance parking lot  
650 N. Main Street  
(Outdoors)

### BOOKS

Noon-4:00 p.m.  
Lakeport Library  
1425 N. High St.  
(Indoors)

\* Proceeds benefit the community through the actions of these organizations.

## California State Flower, Food & Garden Show April 7-10, 2011 at Cal Expo, Sacramento

## CGCI 80th CONVENTION



'Nature's Beauty and Bounty'  
May 15-19, 2011  
Sonoma Wine Country  
Doubletree Hotel  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

## **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**

*April 2011*

### *National Garden Month*

- 1 Convention: Tri-Refresher—registration deadline.
- 2-3 Wildflower Weekend
- 5 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake
- 7 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
- 7-10 Flower, Food & Garden Show-Sacto
- 12 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
Theme: Sculptural Form Design  
10:00am, St John's Episcopal Church
- 14 Happy Birthday Suzanne Russell!
- 15 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah



- 19 Regular Club Meeting  
Hostesses: Jo Jameson,  
Rena Clifton, Nora Gerrard  
*12:00 noon Social Time*  
*12:30pm Flower Roll Call*  
*1:00pm Business Meeting*  
*2:00pm Program: Kate Frey*  
*'Sustainable Gardening'*
- 21 Happy Birthday Heide Thomason!
- 22 CGCI Convention Registration Form due
- 23 Happy Birthday Rosa Hartzog!
- 25 Happy Birthday Barbara Fain!
- 27 Mendo-Lake District Meeting  
Hosted by CLTTGC
- 28 Happy Birthday Jane Graham!
- 29 Arbor Day!

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

