

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:

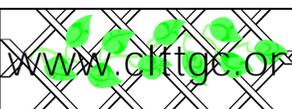
Rena Clifton

Secretary:

Marva Brandt

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul



SUGGESTIONS:

PLANT- potatoes, pansies, marigolds, violas, columbine, Shasta daisies, delphiniums, Geraniums.



Thyme with President Linda

Despite the rainy, blustery weather for our last meeting, we had lots of members in attendance. I thought Jo Jameson's inspirational poem was perfect for the day. The gist of her message was gardeners do not see rain as a nuisance, but rather as future blooms.

Speaking of weather, we had ten inches of snow up here in Riviera Heights! Yes, it was pretty, but once again my plants are "smooshed" beneath the heavy, wet snow. The pansies will triumph!

I want to thank Nora Gerrard for her thoughtful planning preparing for our annual Daffodil Spring Tea to be held on March 15th. It's an event we all look forward to attending. I know she appreciates all of the support you have given her by signing up to hostess or work on a committee.

Marva is busy preparing for the April 27th District meeting hosted by our club. This is another big project requiring the help of willing members. Thank you Marva for planning what promises to be an elegant luncheon and a nice break from the meeting.

We enjoyed Nancy Bailey's and Jane Graham's presentation about CGCI's Landscape Design courses. Being a part of our club provides all kinds of opportunities to learn new skills and broaden your gardening knowledge.

Finally, a huge thank you to Jo Douville, Leslie Jones and Mary Ann Worth, our nominating committee, for putting together the new slate of officers for 2011-2012. Voting will take place at the April meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the Tea.

Remember..."Grow Along with Us"



A woman is like a tea bag—

you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Daffodil Spring Tea:

- * All members are invited. Let Nora know if you need to be assigned to a table.
- * Tuesday, March 15th at 12:00 noon.
- * Bachelor Valley Grange, Government Road, Upper Lake.
- * Set-up for Table Hostesses is Monday, March 14th, 10am-1pm.
- * Members, please bring either: two dozen finger sandwiches or two



- dozen dessert treats. Note: If you have guests (non-members), please bring an extra dozen per guest.
- * Sandwiches and treats should be in stackable containers if possible. (Large trays take up too much room).
- * Labeling on food is optional, but helps people with allergies (i.e. nuts).
- * Dressy attire (hats welcome!)
- * *Bring your warm smile and relax and have a wonderful time!*

Doris's Boutique

One thing I've noticed at our meetings is members walk in the door, greet others along the way, and immediately head over to Doris's table. We can't wait to see all of the treasures she has available for sale!

I've heard Doris has been spotted at stores all over Lake and Mendocino Counties. Each item on her table has been carefully selected for our perusal and enjoyment. Most items come with a little story.

Doris is a Master Gardener who

propagates plants for us to take home and enjoy in our gardens. She is usually the 'go-to' person when we have questions about a certain plant. She has provided hundreds of plants for our plant sales throughout the years. Remember all of those beautiful hanging baskets she created filled with cascading petunias?

Doris served as our tree chairman for many years and traveled to various nurseries making sure she selected the right tree, for the right place, at the right price. Then she went out to the sites where the trees were being

planted to make sure they were planted properly.

She has purchased and donated vases and vessels for the Ka-Ba-Tin arrangers' use. She has a real "eye" for things that contribute to making lovely floral arrangements. All a part of her incredible style!

Doris, we thank you for the hundreds of dollars you have provided for the club over the years. We know it isn't easy hauling your treasures back and forth for every meeting. We truly appreciate all you do.

Submitted by Linda Waterstraat

Craft Workshop: Jo Douville will be teaching us to make a charming Wooden Trowel Sign to hang on a gate. The workshop will begin at 10am prior to our April meeting. Be sure to sign-up with her. Cost will be around \$3 to \$5.

Plant Sale: May 7th

Please begin dividing and potting plants for the sale. Cuttings should be started right away so the roots are good & strong.



WHERE DREAMS GROW April 7-10, 2011

Cal Expo, Pavilion Bldg in Sacramento, CA
For additional Show information,
visit www.CalStateShows.com



Green Thumbs Up



Meals-on-Wheels-Valentines
Jo Jameson & Crew

Tip Toeing Through The Tulips

by Jerry Shaul

Josephine, our attempt to remove PG&E from our lives in the areas of heating and cooling our home has worked out fine. However our typical winter bill of 60-70 dollars skyrockets to 120 -140 dollars during the summer months. Since we cool our home without PG&E's help the 60-70 dollar increase must be the result of pumping well water to irrigate our ornamental and vegetable gardens. You know, I've divided our ornamental garden into 7 zones so that each receives one hour per week of irrigation using micro sprinklers and drip emitters. It's a fact that most of us tend to over water, so this year I plan to decrease the time to ½ hour per zone. Over the years I've been downsizing our vegetable garden to include only those vegetables that we thoroughly enjoy and

are reliable producers. This year that will include 'Early Girl' tomatoes, zucchini, carrots, red sweet peppers and lemon cucumbers. And now Josephine sit down for the *shocker!* These vegetables will be grown in your ornamental garden. Dispersed throughout in such a clever way that not only will they be inconspicuous but may actually enhance the beauty of your prides and joys. Oh yes, the irrigation system will remain untouched. "But Jerry you know how I love to harvest the vegetables but now it will be difficult when planted amongst the shrubs and flowers." Well, Josephine I guess you'll just have to learn how to 'tip toe through the tulips', very carefully.





2011 Northern California Wildflower Weekend

April 1-3, 2011

Feather Falls Casino, Oroville, CA

Sponsored by CGCI and hosted for 2011 by Buttes District (comprising garden clubs in Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yuba & Sutter Counties).

The 2011 Northern California Wildflower Weekend is a two-day event featuring an array of fascinating talks by subject matter experts: Guided tours to wildflower fields of Table Mountain (bring your camera); guided arm-chair tours (in indoor comfort); vendors; two box lunches; dinner Saturday night; housing, dining, live entertainment and gaming literally a step away. A portion of the proceeds go to fund a school garden in Concow, CA, hard hit by wildland fire in 2008.

For more information visit CGCI web site.

Program

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Schedule A

9:00 am to Noon - Bus Tour to Table Mountain

- Noon to 1:00 pm - Brown Bag Lunch
- 1:00 to 1:50 pm - Jayne Lucas: "Arm Chair Tour of Table Mountain"
- 2:00 to 2:50 pm - Rex Burress: "Flora of the Feather River"
- 3:00 to 3:50 pm - Jennifer Jewel: "The Art & Architecture of Seeds"

Schedule B

- 9:00 to 9:50 am - Jayne Lucas: "Arm Chair Tour of Table Mountain"
- 10:00 to 10:50 am - Julie West: "Creating a Butterfly Habitat"
- 11:00 to Noon - Jennifer Jewel: "The Art & Architecture of Seeds"
- Noon to 1:00 pm - Brown Bag Lunch
- 1:00 to 3:50 pm - Bus Tour to Table Mountain

6:00 to 8:00 pm - Dinner - Welcome by CGCI President Maryanne Lucas. Featured Speaker: Jenny Marr: "One-Two-Three Garden Wonderland: Butterflies, Hummingbirds and Native Pollinators"

Sunday, April 3, 2011

- 9:00 to 9:50 am - Margit Sands: "Wildflowers of the Sutter Buttes"
- 10:00 to 10:50 am - John Whittlesey: "Using California Native Plants in the Garden"
- 11:00 to Noon - Adrienne Edwards: "Wildflowers, Weeds and Wild Rapsallions: Battles for a Bit of Turf"

Price

Early bird registration (before March 20, 2011) is \$95.00; after March 20, 2011 is \$105.

2011 CGCI Convention Post Tour

May 19-20, 2011

"All Aboard

Destination: Mendocino
Coast!"



CGCI invites you to join fellow garden club members on the 2011 Convention Post Tour which will take place May 19-20, 2011. Space is limited. **Deadline to register is April 1, 2011.**

Itinerary

Thursday, May 19, 2011

- 1:00 pm - Load bus at [Sonoma Wine Country Doubletree](#)
- 1:15 pm - Depart Rohnert Park (snacks on the bus!)
- 2:30 pm - Arrive at [Saracina Winery](#) in [Hopland](#), California certified organic winery with first wine caves in Mendocino County
- 3:45 pm - Depart for [Fort Bragg](#)
- 6:00 pm - Arrive at [Harbor Lite Lodge](#) - most rooms overlook the harbor at [Noyo Bridge](#)
- 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Buffet-style dinner (at the lodge) provided by Fort Bragg Garden Club

Friday, May 20, 2011

- Continental breakfast at the lodge, featuring homemade waffles
- 8:45 am - Load bus at [Harbor Lite Lodge](#)
- 9:00 am - Depart for [Mendocino Botanical Gardens](#), a jewel on the Pacific Coast
- 9:15 am - Arrive for a docent tour of Mendocino Botanical Gardens or visit [Digging Dog Nursery](#) (featured in Martha Stewart & Sunset magazines) with carpooling by members of Fort Bragg Garden Club (subject to weather and spring garden conditions)
- 11:00 am - Load bus for town of [Mendocino](#) (snacks on bus!)
- 11:30 am - Arrive in Mendocino - Self-guided walking tour and lunch on your own
- 1:30 pm - Load bus to travel down Pacific Coast Hwy. 1 to Hwy. 128 through [Anderson Valley](#)
- 2:45 pm - Arrive at [Goldeneye Winery](#), dedicated to production of world-class Pinot Noir wines
- 5:30 pm (approx.) - Arrive at Sonoma Wine Country Doubletree

Price

All of this for only \$175 per person - an amazing deal!

The tour form can be found on the CGCI website, home page, right side, under 'Board Members' and 'Next Meeting'.

If you have any questions, contact [GinaBelle Smith](#), Mendo-Lake District Director.

FACTS ABOUT DAFFODILS:

Daffodils are members of the Narcissus family.

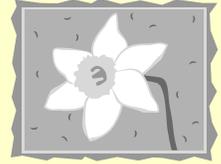
There are 13 divisions of daffodils: Trumpet Daffodils, Large-cupped, Small-cupped, Double, Triandrus, Cyclamineus, Jonquilla, Tazetta, Poeticus, Bulbocodium, Split-corona, Miscellaneous, and Species, Wild Variants and Wild Hybrids. In addition, miniature versions of each daffodil division exist.

Daffodils originated in south west Europe. There are over 25,000 varieties of daffodils and they come in yellow, white, orange and even a peach/pink shade.

All parts of the daffodil are poisonous. The sap of daffodils can be damaging to other flowers. If you've picked them to display in a vase with other flowers, then it's best to leave them in water on their own for at least 12 hours, before mixing them together.

The emblem of Wales is the daffodil. People often wear daffodils on St. David's Day. In New York, nearly 2,500,000 daffodils are grown each year. The Victorians thought daffodils acted as a symbol of regard. Prince Charles, from the British Royal Family, is annually given one daffodil to act as a form of rent for land on the Isles of Scilly.

Daffodil bulbs contain a substance called galanthine, which has medicinal properties. In fact, it's sometimes used in treatments for Alzheimer's.



Green Thumbs Up



CIVIC BEAUTIFICATIONS:

Barbara Swanson has been busy planting a new succulent garden. The sign moved and is located next to the front entrance of the library. Looks very nice and tidy.



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Nancy Bailey & Jane Graham completed the NGC series and are certified Landscape Design Consultants. The NGC Program is a series of 4 courses, consisting of education programs and tours.



Green Thumbs Up

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION: Thanks to the hard work of **Jo & Jerry Shaul, Barbara Swanson, Helen Turley, Heide Thomason, Leanne Harvey, Mary Secord, Claire Grieve, and Linda Waterstraat**, the Chapel grounds were cleaned up at Hartley Cemetery.

February Sunshine Report:

... by Jo Douville

- Welcome! Sharon Reeves, Evy Escalante, Carol & Hans Dobusch
- Sympathy- Jim & Leanne Harvey
- Get Well- Ginny Cline, Joyce Porterfield, Suzanne Russell, Carol Kesey



New Member:

Mekeel, Sandi

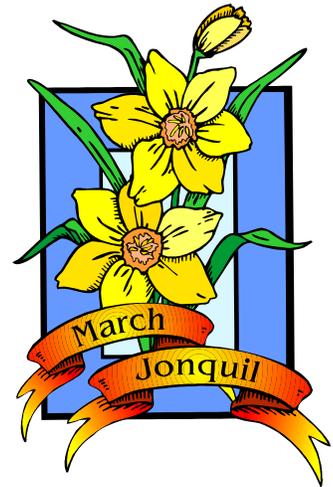
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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
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Lakeport, CA 95453

Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
(www.gardenclub.org)
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- **Pacific Region**
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Director: Sandy Ford
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
(www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org)
President: Maryanne Lucas
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.MendoLakeDistrict.org)
District Director: GinaBelle Smith



Grow Along With Us!



Forget-me-nots

March 2011

- 1 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake
- 1 Happy Birthday Ginny Cline!
- 3 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
- 6 Happy Birthday Evy Escalante!
- 7 Happy Birthday Mary Welsh!
- 8 Happy Birthday Jerry Shaul!
- 11 Happy Birthday Roland Ellsworth!

Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers

Theme: Parallel Design
10:00am, St John's Episcopal Church

- 14 Set-up for Tea, 10am -1pm.
- 15 12:00 noon, Daffodil Spring Tea
Bachelor Valley Grange,
Government St, Upper lake



No Regular Club Meeting

- 20 Happy Birthday Helen Turley!
- 23 Happy Birthday Rena Clifton!
- 18 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah
- 26 Tulip Hill Winery- CLTTGC booth.
- 26 Happy Birthday Betty Atwood-Reyna!
- 29 Happy Birthday Pam Held!

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



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**
Carmen Carpenter
Celebrated her 96th
on February 14th.



The Women's Civic Club is taking orders
for spring bulbs. See Helen Turley.