

How to Make Seed Tape

Materials Needed:

- * toilet paper (paper towels & napkins also work)
- * Ruler
- * Marker
- * All-purpose glue
- * Tweezers (optional)
- * Seeds
- * Toiler-paper or paper-towel tube



- 1) Measure out a length of toilet paper. (cut length-wise if planting narrow row)
- 2) Consult the packet of seeds to find out how far apart the seeds should be planted, then mark at each spot on the towel where a seed will go.
- 3) Dab a bit of water-soluble glue on each mark.
- 4) Pour the seeds out onto a plate, and spread them

around a little. Using tweezers, pick up a seed and place it on one of the drops of glue. Continue placing seeds on all the glue drops.

5) Once all the seeds are placed and the glue has dried, you can roll the seed tape onto a toilet paper roll & store in a cool, dry place until you are ready to plant. If the garden or containers are ready, plant immediately.

6) To plant, lay the seed tape on the soil surface, weighting it here and there to keep the wind from moving it. Cover with garden soil or compost to the depth recommended on the seed packet—for fine seeds, that can be as little as 1/4 inch of soil. Firm the soil to make sure there is good soil-seed contact. Water with a fine nozzle to avoid washing the soil away and keep moist. HGTV-Gardening



April
Sunshine Report ...
by Jo Douville



Thinking of You!
Thelma Dangel

*Show your true colors,
Delight in simple pleasures,
Celebrate your natural beauty,
Open up, Spread seeds of you,
It's OK to be a late bloomer,
Be Wild and Wonderful!*

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2011-2012 DUES
*(Make check out to CLTGC,
see Rena Clifton)*

Beauty and the Beast

by Jerry Shaul

Well Josephine let's grab a cup of java and, as promised, take our garden club friends on a journey through our outdoor retreat. Let's ignore the brick, aggregate, and other man made features that have their place but must be separated from while blending with the natural areas of the landscape. The pathways that meander through the trees and shrubs are layered with weed inhibiting redwood chips which are easy to walk on, resist decay and pack together allowing the removal of leaves without significant chip removal. Pathways and no-walk areas are defined by a minimal use of boulder clumps, decaying logs and stumps and laced with bunch grasses and clumps of wild iris. Josephine let's sit a spell in your anniversary swing which hangs from a walnut tree preserved from the old orchard. The benches and swing are designed to blend with the landscape - no tubes, pipes or metal of any kind please. Let's finish our java and mosey along amongst the towering redwoods, cedars, pines and oaks. Notice how the walk ways surround island-like points of interest which contain trees as

well as under story plantings of toyon, manzanita, wild lilac and snow berries. Spring sparkle is added to these 'islands' with plantings of native perennials such as wild iris, Indian warriors, wood hyacinths, hound's tongues and soap plants. Also included are a few exotics: daffodils, grape hyacinths and winter iris. Josephine, do you notice the occasional mound covered with pine needles. Not only are they attractive but they cover the remains of Monterey pines, Japanese black pines and Austrian pines which should not be planted in Lake County. Several of our walkways follow deer fences which are hidden by 'don't fence me in' screens formed by toyons and manzanitas. The cultural needs of this type of landscaping are satisfied by rain, humus and the micro/macro critters who make their homes here. However, pruning and pathway clearing requires considerable effort. Josephine, old girl, don't just stand there let's get to work! Jerry, there you go again with that old girl stuff, "Please my dear **KNOCK IT OFF!**"





Penny Pines
55th recipient

Nancy
Benkelman



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A Few Words About **Marva Brandt**...

Thank you to Marva for organizing the Mendo-Lake District meeting and luncheon which was held on April 27th. So much time went into the planning and setting up for this day. Breakfast and lunch for thirty people along with table settings and other supplies requires lots of time and effort. Not a small task!

Marva has been secretary for the past two years and does an excellent job making sure the minutes are complete and accurate. She has been a willing volunteer for the entire time she has been a member of the club. She is part of the Ka-Ba-Tin flower arrangers and has been a hostess for the Daffodil Tea. When she wears her Master Gardener “cap” she is also a willing volunteer. If you have ever been to the Kelseyville Pear Festival, you will see Marva hard at work at the pear tasting station sponsored by the Master Gardeners for UC Davis research.

Thank you Marva for your part in making our club special.



Good turnout for the Mendo-Lake District Meeting. Pictured are only some of the worker bees.

From Carol Kesey's Garden...

I stopped by to visit Carol and she pointed out a plant in her garden which was given to her by Marie Wright. (Club President, '60-'61 & '84-'86).

The name of the flower is Campanula.
(Campanulaceae,c,glomerata)

There are about 300 species of the plant. They tend to spread indefinitely from the root. Glomerata is upright with side branches to 1-2 ft. Stem leaves are broad, toothed and somewhat hairy. Flowers are purple and tightly clustered at the top of stems. They bloom from spring through summer.

Carol has divided some of these plants and they will be available at **the plant sale on May 7th.**



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to **Jo Douville** (missing from the picture ?) for presenting her wooden trowel making workshop. Everyone who participated put their personal stamp on their work and added a bit of art to their garden.



Thank you for supplying us with the idea and for preparing all of the materials to make it possible.



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to **Claire Grieve** for providing our club with publicity articles to keep us and the public informed of club activities. Claire has a knack for writing the news. By the way, she also does this for the Mendo-Lake District. Thank you Claire!



Attention: All Committee Chairs and Officers please return the black Job Description Binders in May. We will be having an 11am Board Meeting before our regular Club Meeting.

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
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Lakeport, CA 95453

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Forget-me-nots

May 2011

- 7 **Plant Sale**
7-8:30am Setup
8:30-2:30 Sale (Lincoln Leavitt Insurance
Parking Lot, 650 N Main St, Lakeport.
- 10 **Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers**
Theme: Abstract Creative Design
10:00am, St John's Episcopal Church



CGCI 80th CONVENTION

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

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

- 17 **11am Board Meeting**
17 **Regular Club Meeting**
Hostesses: Ginny Cline, Joyce Porterfield,
Betty Atwood Reyna
12:00 noon Social Time
12:30pm Flower Roll Call
1:00pm Business Meeting
2:00pm Program: Brad Barnwell,
'Birding at Rodman Slough'



- 18 **Happy Birthday Thelma Dangel!**

Note: Garden Therapy date changes.

- 18 10:30am (Tue) Garden Therapy-Clearlake
19 10:30am (Tue) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
20 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah
22 **Happy Birthday Pat Hopper!**
27 **Happy Birthday Sunol Westergren!**
30 **Happy Birthday Leslie Jones!**

DATE CORRECTION TO YEARBOOK:

June 21st, Tuesday,
Pot Luck Picnic & Installation