

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:

Helen Turley

Vice President:

Linda Waterstraat

Treasurer:

Ginny Cline

Secretary:

Jo Douville

Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul



Strawberry Delight



- O Full Sun
- O Well-drained, fertile soil
- O Good air circulation
- O Rich soil with a pH between 5 and 6
- O A southern exposure

Thyme with President Helen: What do you think of when you think of Valentine's Day? I think of hearts and flowers; and, of course, chocolate. St. Valentine's Day, popularly known as Valentine's Day, is celebrated as the lovers' day each year all over the world on February 14. It is customary to exchange gifts on this very special day. Flowers are given more often than any other gift since their beauty can convey the special message of love. When I used to lead Weight Watchers meeting years ago, I used to tell the members that instead of candy on "V" Day to ask for flowers and, of course, there was always gold and diamonds, too!!!



ROSES—ARE THE #1 MOST POPULAR ROMANTIC FLOWERS FOR LOVERS. They are so popular because of the sweet aroma that emanates from their silky petals. There are so many varieties that giving roses as a gift is never boring and if you have ever been the recipient of a dozen long-stemmed red roses, I'm sure you agree that they can be pretty romantic.

CARNATIONS—ARE #2. They, too, are considered to be very romantic and are more affordable than most roses. Their ruffled appearance is quite feminine plus they have a lovely spicy and pungent scent. I like them because as a cut flower, they last a long time and can be enjoyed long after Valentine's Day has passed.

LILIES ARE #3—Romantic and elegant, these are high-class flowers that make a classy gift to either give or receive. In fact, I was surprised this year by the gift of a beautiful lily plant for Christmas. I most often think of lilies as gifts to be given only at Easter time. Of all flowers, lilies are among the most fragrant.

ALSTROEMERIA—this is a very popular flower and is very similar to the lily and is often referred to as the Peruvian Lily or Lily of the Incas. Even though the name is hard to pronounce, they are actually very popular as "V" Day gifts.

TULIPS—the last of the top five are simple but elegant and an ideal gift for the "uncomplicated woman" (is there such a thing???) who enjoys beauty in its simplest form. These flowers are sold by the thousands during the Season of Love in every color under the sun.

I don't know about you, ladies, but I think even a lovely bunch of "weeds" gathered and presented with love can be pretty romantic. When a small child presents you with a lovely weed, it can melt your heart like nothing else, can't it!! In fact, isn't it the thought that really counts? And for the men among us, I'll bet not one of you wouldn't like to receive a single long-stemmed red rose from that special person in your life.

I wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day filled with hearts and flowers and maybe a piece of dark chocolate, too. What a delightful way to get your daily anti-oxidants—right!

OUTSTANDING ORNAMENTAL Jerry Shaul

Josephine, I had a dream! There were balls ranging from yellow orange to orange red hanging from leafless limbs of a small tree. It appeared as a wintry scene and blended well with Christmas decor. A light glowed from beneath highlighting the "Golden Ornaments" and maize of limbs--a sight to behold. Jerry, you've been eating too many of those "ornaments"; you know the ornament tree you planted in our orchard 20 years ago instead of near our entry as a specimen planting. Well Josephine so I've made one or two little mistakes in my life time. In any event wherever its grown the persimmon (*Diospyros Kaki*) is not only ornamental but produces delicious and nutritious fruit of many uses. Persimmon trees are broadly classified into two general categories: Those that bear "astringent fruit" until they are soft ripe and those that bear "non-astringent fruit. An astringent cultivar which is commonly cultivated in Japan known as "Hachiya" is high in tannins and must be allowed

to ripen fully until they become jelly soft before they are edible. They are normally picked when firm but mature. The astringent varieties produce long pointed heart shaped fruit. The non-astringent variety that we have is the Fuyugaki (Fuyu) which is a favorite in this group and has produced well over the years for us. It is a round slightly flattened shape. They may be picked from the tree when firm and mature (color). Are sweet and delicious when slightly soft. Continued ripening at room temperate produces jelly-like consistency. Persimmons can be dried, frozen, used in baking and eaten fresh. Besides being delicious, Persimmons are a good source of fiber, antioxidant compounds, B-complex vitamins and many of the essential dietary minerals. Hey Boss, can you spare a few bucks? It's bare root season and I've got just the spot for an outstanding ornamental. Yes Jerry, but only if I supervise the project.



Lake Ka-Ba-Tin
Flower Arrangers—
All Green Design
Including container

DAFFODIL TEA; Time to sign up for Hosting a Table (max of 16); joining the Clean-up Team; joining the Kitchen Crew; Greeters and a Mistress of Ceremony also needed. Prizes should be new. Tuesday, March 20th at 12 noon.

Everyone is encouraged to attend!



SUNSHINE LADY
Marva Brandt

Thinking of You

- ♥ Mary Secord
- ♥ Doris Ellsworth
- ♥ Ginny Gunderson



In MEMORY: Phyllis Gernns

Phyllis joined our garden club in 1985. She was a very active member. I remember touring her garden on one of our garden tours and everyone was sent home with poppy seeds from her place.
Claire Grieve

NEW MEMBER
Pam Cochrane



Gardening Tip: After using green onions, plant the root ends. When they grow back, continue cutting the green tops as needed.

Nancy Benkelman

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

WORK PARTY:

Family Resource Center, Kelseyville

10:00am, February 2, Thursday. We collected \$161.00, from personal donations, at the Christmas Luncheon this year. We agreed to use that money to weed, add new soil and plant rosemary in the planter box in the front of the building. We also hope to place trellises with climbing roses or similar that would prevent anyone from climbing the fence. Call Linda W for more information. (Helen plans on leaving the Mendo-Lake Credit Union parking lot at 9:30am. Call Helen if you would like to travel in her car).

FIELD TRIP: Eli Stage & Property— 10:00am, February 16th, Thursday.

This is a new 'Civic Beautification' Project we are initiating this year. We want to take this time to look over the property to access our options. Where can we place native plants? Do we want to use large containers? What is the water situation? We want to work in stages—How should we proceed? Call Linda W for directions.



Green Thumbs Up

Barbara Swanson and everyone who helped make hosting the District meeting a success.



Green Thumbs Up

to Susan Buckles for serving as our *Smokey Bear / Woody Owl poster contest* chair. A second Green Thumbs Up to Marilyn Gunther, a second grade teacher at Lakeport Elementary School. Marilyn has promoted the contest at her school for several years. Sixty-four students from first, second, third and fifth grades created posters which were judged by Susan and Linda Waterstraat.



The first place posters from each class were sent to District for judging. The Elk Mountain Ranger Station donated hundreds of prizes including bookmarks, stickers, rulers, pencils, erasers and activity books which will be distributed to the children as a thank you for participating in the contest. Last year, third grade student Jeffrey Smith, received an Honorable Mention from CGCI and was invited to attend an awards luncheon at the CGCI convention in Rohnert Park.

♥ Julie West, State President, presented CLTTGC with a Certificate of Merit from National Garden Clubs, Inc. in recognition of our 55th Anniversary of being a member of Mendo-Lake District/California Garden Clubs, Inc.

♥ If you do not subscribe to the Golden Gardens, did you know that you can receive an e-Newsletter by going to www.cagardenclubs.org. In the upper right-hand corner is a blue box where you can join and start receiving these Newsletters free.

CLTTGC 2011 TREE COUNT = 1,543: Through the CLTTGC's effort and individual club member's efforts, we have planted 1,543 trees in the 2011 calendar year. Our wonderful Penny Pines Program, headed, by Ann Blue and supported generously by all members during our Flower Roll Call enabled the US Forest Service to have the funds to buy 1,425 assorted seedlings. Two beautiful flowering Bradford Pears were planted in Westlake Park for the enjoyment of all.



Individual members listed in order of number of trees planted include: Suzanne R. (46), Claire G. (16) and J. Shaul (16), Hans D. (11), Michelle Wisler (8), Doris Ellsworth, (7), Nancy B. (7), Jim H. (5), Barbara B. (3), Helen T, (3) Nancy Bailey (1), and Carol B. (1).

These successful efforts are good for the environment and the beautification of our community. Great job in 2011! In awe of your dedication, Submitted by **Leanne Harvey**, Tree Chair



DUTCH ALMOND COOKIE

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup Almond paste
- 1 cup flour

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy, add egg, mix well. Add almond paste and beat until fluffy, about five minutes. Stir in flour. Spread in 8-inch pie pan or 8-inch square pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean

and top is a light to medium brown. **Note:** May put a whole or blanched almond on top before baking. Cut into pie wedges if using round pie pan or into squares if using square pan. Must use butter: no oil or margarine. **PAM HELD**

PINE NUT ALMOND COOKIE-

- 2 egg whites
- 8 oz almond paste, break into pieces
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- pinch of salt
- 1+1/4 cup pine nuts

Beat egg whites until foamy at low speed. Add pieces of almond paste; beat until creamy on high speed until grainy. Add sugars, beat until creamy. Add flour and salt. Cover and chill one hour or until firm. Dampen hands to keep dough from sticking. Roll into one inch

balls and then roll in pine nuts. Place two inches apart on cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake at 350 degrees about 15 to 18 minutes or until edges are brown. Store in airtight container. Also freeze well. **PAM HELD**

CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY BARS-

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup butter or margarine (2 sticks) (butter preferred)
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 3/4 cup seedless red raspberry jam (seeded raspberry jam works just as well)
- 1 package mini chocolate chips (two cups)

1 cup chopped un-blanched almonds
Combine flour and sugar. With pastry blender or two knives cut in butter until mixture looks like coarse crumbs, add beaten egg and almond extract, mix in with fork until mixture is just moistened. Remove one cup of mix and set aside. Press remaining dough into an oiled 9x13 backing pan. Spread raspberry jam to within 1/2 inch of edges. Mix reserved dough with mini chocolate chips and

almonds. Sprinkle over top of jam and lightly press into jam/dough mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until top is golden. Cool until warm, and then cut lengthwise into four equal strips and into 12 equal strips crosswise for four dozen pieces. Cool before drizzling icing of 1 cup confectioner's sugar and 1 to 2 tablespoons milk over top.

PAM HELD

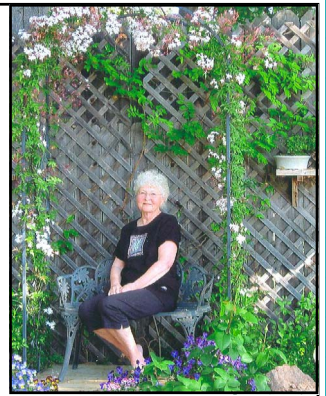
Next Month Pam will share her Mom's Carrot Cake requested by members.



SPOTLIGHT—GARDEN OF THE MONTH Marva Brandt



When we built our dream house twenty years ago it got quite big as we built around family furniture and rugs. Consequently there was no money left for landscaping. I took a landscaping class and started from scratch with many cuttings. My one regret is a hillside of Vinca Major. Minor would have been a slower but wiser choice.



I was missing a "sitting place" and after many years I redid a wasted area into a treasure. It is in back by the lake. The arbor is planted with jasmine and the back fence is now covered in star jasmine. From my bench I have a clear view of my beach



and the lake as well as looking down the garden path. The path goes between a row of tree roses and a raised perennial/annual bed. When I am sitting there, the arbor gives me privacy from passing boats.

In front by a tall rock wall, I have finally found a place where English primroses are joyful! They are inter-planted with cyclamen. The entry area has a dry pond and stream that goes under the entry bridge. Here Cyclamen give the only color among the green plants and moss rocks.



Green Thumbs Up

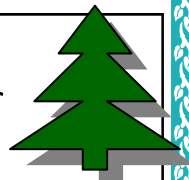
to the Nominating Committee, **Jo James, Rena Clifton and Mary Ann Worth**. They have been working very hard finding officers for our 2012-2013 year.



Yeah!!! We have our President, **Leanne Harvey!** Also serving is **Ginny Cline** as Treasurer. VP & Sec are open.

Would you put a tiny blurb in the newsletter explaining that I had to leave the meeting early for an appointment and if anyone wants a **Master Gardener calendar (\$11) or cookbook (\$13) to Marva. Set is \$23.00.**

PENNY PINES:
Carmen Carpenter
Receives 58th
Penny Pines Certificate



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to **Jo Jameson** for sharing the 'Garden Therapy' program. She comes up with such wonderful ideas (leaf cards, tree poems, etc).



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to **Leslie Jones** for presenting new & inventive ways of "BLING RECYCLING".



Anyone who attended the "Bling" class is invited to bring their creations to the February meeting to share.

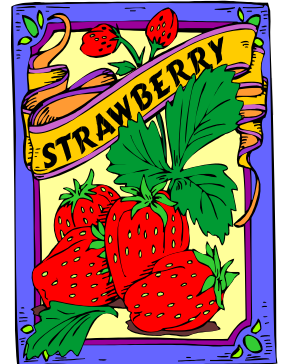
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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Scott's Valley Women's Club House
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- Mendo-Lake District Garden Club
(www.mendolakegardenclub.org)
District Director: Virginia Stranske



Every Year a New Beginning!



Forget-me-nots

FEBRUARY 2012

- 2 Work Party- 10am, Thursday;
Family Resource Center in Kelseyville
- 7 *Happy Birthday Reba Richardson!*
- 7 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake
- 8 Valentines Bags-Meals on Wheels Cards
2pm at Jo Jameson's house.
- 9 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
- 14 *Happy Birthday Carmen Carpenter!*
- 14 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
Theme: All Green Design (container also)
10:00am (Tues), St John's Episcopal Church
- 16 Field Trip- 10am, Thursday:
Eli Stage Historical Site in Kelseyville.
- 16 *Happy Birthday Mary Ann Worth!*
- 17 *Happy Birthday Guthrie Worth!*
- 21 Regular Club Meeting
Hostesses: H Thomason, J Porterfield, J Dye
11:00am Board Meeting
12:00pm Social Time
12:30pm Flower Roll Call
1:00pm Regular Club Meeting
2:00pm Program: 'Invasive Plant's',
Chuck Morse (Assist Agricultural
Commissioner for Mendocino Co)
- 17 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah
- 26 *Happy Birthday Jo Douville!*
- 27 *Happy Birthday Joelle Holford!*

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