

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

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Tomatoes



Always plant basil, bee balm, and borage near your tomatoes— they're the best neighbors your tomatoes will ever have, and will boost your plants to new heights. Jerry Baker

Thyme with President Helen:

It's hard for me to believe that my term of office has passed so quickly. Writing the President's message each month has been a reminder of how quickly time passes. As soon as I sent off one message to Linda, it seemed it was time to write another one. Writing these messages has been one of the joys of this job for me. Because of Linda Pyers' dedication and commitment, we stay current and up to date with what's going on even when we can't attend a monthly meeting. Not all Clubs are so lucky.



Over the past year we have said goodbye to a couple of our members and friends and have welcomed several new members into our midst. We have experienced the beginning and ending of each season of the year together and have watched our gardens being impacted by the changes. This was certainly evidenced in our May flower roll call, my favorite part of the meeting, each month. While our spring was late in coming, the display of flowers at our May meeting was spectacular and the energy and excitement shown by each member as they shared their "beauties" warmed by heart.

Each year we hold our breath wondering if Mother Nature will be kind and provide enough chrysanthemums for our talented arrangers to make their magic once again. The same concern comes up for the Daffodil Tea and every year, in my experience with the Club, we have been blessed with not only an adequate supply but an abundance of blossoms. It seems our Club is "charmed".

Also each year it seems we are a little nervous about whether someone will step up and take on the job of President and, once again, it seems we are "charmed". I am very grateful to Leanne and the members of her Board and all those who have agreed to support them as we embark on another new Club year. There is evidence of abundance here, too. Leanne's enthusiasm is contagious. She is a gal that "Just Wants to Have Fun" and she wants all of us to join her—so.... Let's do it!!!

Working with a fantastic Board, the Chairs of every committee, and every one of you has definitely enriched my life. As with all new beginnings, there is an ending. I treasure each "New Beginning" and ending that we have shared together and look forward to another wonderful Garden Club year as we continue to "Grow Together". In love and gratitude, Helen

Fool Mother Nature
Jerry Shaul

Josephine, what a treat it is to drive through Scotts Valley this time of year: Redbuds, Redbuds and more Redbuds (Western Redbud - Cercis Occidentalis) with their naked bodies clothed in their finest magenta costumes. When pollinated, these beautiful blossoms will be transformed into seed bearing pods. The pods, designed to open and "fly" in the wind can scatter the seeds over some distance. When left to natural processes it may take years for the seeds to germinate. How-



ever, man in all his "great wisdom" has learned to accelerate these processes. First we select only the largest seeds from the most recent growth and from plants growing in our area. We must then fool "Mother Nature". To overcome internal dormancy store the seeds, while still in the pods, in the refrigerator for 6 to 8 weeks (cold stratification). Seed coat dormancy is overcome by "nicking" the seed coat with nail clippers taking care not to damage the embryo (scarification). Sow 3 seeds ¼" deep in each 4" pot filled with potting soil and place them outdoors where they can be subjected to

natural weather conditions. Root growth is rapid. making it necessary to carefully transplant each seedling into a gallon container after several months. Since redbuds are not water tolerant, water sparingly. After 2 years place plants in the landscape. Redbuds require full sun, good drainage, humus or slow release fertilizers. Deep irrigation once per week is required for the first 2 summers. Use drip never flood. *Josephine, would you like to shake the hand of a fool who thinks he's been fooling Mother Nature?*



SUNSHINE LADY Marva Brandt

Cards were sent to:
 Christina Basor (new member)
 Mary Secord (Thinking of You)
 June Beto (Husband passed)
 Gladly Bransford (Thinking of You)
 Michelle Wisler (Thinking of You)



NEW MEMBERS Leanne Harvey

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 No email
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 BD: 7/10



Rest in Peace!
Reba Richardson

Rest in Peace!
Roger Beto
(June's husband)

Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud
 Flower Arrangers—
 Miniature and Small



Subscribe to the new **CGCI e-NEWSLETTER** by signing-up at www.californiagardenclubs.org

If you are interested in tomato cages, please contact Gunde Gunderson, Ginny's husband, at 263-9210.

June 4-7, 2012 - CGCI 81st Convention
 Host: Sacramento River Valley District Cal Expo
 DoubleTree, Sacramento

 **CORRECTION TO EXPLODING WEED:** the correct name of that little pesky weed is Little bittercrest (Cardamine oligosperma).

2012-2013 Installation of Officers and Potluck

- *Tuesday, June 19th
- *Setup starts at 4pm
- *Program/Installation of Officers starts at 5pm
- *3040 Riviera Heights Dr, Kelseyville
- *Potluck – Bring a dish to share & your own place setting. OK to bring wine. Beverage & dessert will be provided.

Map to Riviera County Club: **Watch for balloons!!!** Nine miles past the Dollar Store on Soda Bay Rd, turn right onto Riviera Heights Dr & the clubhouse is 1/2 mile up the road. (Riviera Heights Dr is 2.7 miles past the entrance to Clear Lake State Park).



SPOTLIGHT—GARDEN OF THE MONTH

Nancy Bailey



The Joy of Daylilies: Daylilies (Hemerocallis) love our Lake County climate. I grow over 500 varieties of the 68,000 daylilies registered with the American Hemerocallis Society. Daylilies are not just for highway median strips or shopping malls! They come in every color except blue and true white. Blooms start in May and go through October with the peak month in June. Daylily fans grow into clumps so even though the flowers last 1 day,



there can be many blooming at one time and most varieties bloom for 1 to 2 weeks. Daylilies are great companion plants and make a showy statement in perennial beds or large planters. I have my daylilies interspersed with other perennials of roses, foxglove, snapdragons and peonies.

Just give them plenty of water, sunshine, good soil and spray with a monthly dose of fish emulsion. If yours do not bloom they are either planted too deep (the most common reason) or they are too crowded. Daylily clumps need to be divided every 3-4 years into 2 to 3 fan divisions. The maintenance is not overwhelming: groom dead leaves, deadhead spent blooms and keep the area weeded.

I never saw a discontented tree. They grip the ground as though they liked it, & though fast rooted they travel about as far as we do—John



Green Thumbs Up

to Suzanne Russell for welcoming us into her garden. Some of us took up Suzanne's offer to see the blooms in her yard. There was lots to see; beautiful peonies, roses, irises, and other lovely plants. We enjoyed seeing her display of whimsical yard art. Thanks for the tour.



YEAR END REMINDERS

- * Membership dues are \$20/person or \$26/couple. Our fiscal year ends July 1st. Please pay Ginny Cline.
- * New Hostess Schedule—please call Diane or Sue if it is your turn to Host a club meeting. (This is an every other year duty).
- * Next meeting is our Installation /potluck for 2012-13. (See details on page 3)
- * If you are interested in representing our club in the 2012 Lake County Fair, please let Leanne know.
- * Return Chairmanship Binders and Library Books.
- * Take photos now for Award books due Dec/Jan.
- * Hans and Carol would like to hear your suggestions for Programs and Field Trips for 2012-13.



Green Thumbs Up

to **June Beto** for donating vases and various garden related items. Thank you also to **Barbara Swanson and Doris Ellsworth**.

June 10th, Petaluma Seed Bank's Third Anniversary Celebration. Enjoy demonstrations, local food, artists and much more. The Sonoma County Bank building, constructed in the 1920s is now home to Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company's west coast location" serving gardeners in Petaluma and surrounding counties. It's a beacon for gardeners, foodies, shoppers, and tourists alike. They offer over 1,200 varieties of heirloom seeds, garlic, tools, books, and hundreds of local hand-made gifts and food items. Everything they offer is pure, natural, and non-GMO!

199 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma, CA 94952
Phone (707) 773-1336; email: paul@rareseeds.com
seedbank@rareseeds.com



Green Thumbs Up

to Linda Waterstraat and Freedom House work party: **Linda Waterstraat, Leanne Harvey, Marva Brandt, Pam Cochrane, Nancy Bailey, Russell Porterfield, Joyce Porterfield, Helen Turley, Hans Dobusch.**



Green Thumbs Up



to **Ann Blue** for organizing a work party at Library Park while Mary Secord is recuperating from her injury. Thanks to **Nora Gerrard, Rena Clifton, Carol Brabrook & Leanne Harvey** (not pictured) who agreed to help Ann. Everything was 'spiffed-up' for Memorial Day weekend.



A BIG 'Green Thumbs Up' to YOU! As a Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis member, YOU made the commitment to make our club successful. By chairing a committee, YOU brought the leadership needed to complete our many tasks. YOU sent cards of care on behalf of our club; encouraged us to take photos; taught us how to arrange flowers; encouraged us to plant trees; maintained our library; publicized news-worthy information and events through our website, newsletter, and public media. We were able to enjoy time together because YOU made arrangements for our meetings, Christmas luncheon, and Daffodil Tea. We were also able to share with others. Because YOU said *yes* to being a Chairman, we hosted District events; provided garden therapy for physically challenged

friends; reached out to a local grade school; helped to re-forest burnt-over and brush-covered areas in the National Forest land in California; presented a Mum show for the public; made Christmas wreaths; provided scholarships; and YOU served by calling on people to serve; new members were welcomed with a smile and given information. Lastly, YOU spent your time and money collecting things we couldn't live without (at a very low cost). Thank YOU!

Thank you to the 'worker bees', always serving in some capacity. YOU made beautiful wreaths to sell; wrote articles for the newsletter; shared valuable knowledge with us; swept the floor after each meeting; pulled weeds, shoveled rocks and planted; supported our committees and Chairmen; fed us tasty treats and never took

credit – Thank YOU!

I know YOU had other commitments (family and personal), but YOU gave us your best. If it weren't for YOU, we could not have moved forward. YOU, our Officers, were available to us and fulfilled your job with grace and finesse. Each meeting was well organized and the programs and field trips were interesting and informative. Thank YOU!

Did YOU enjoy the learning experiences made available to YOU as a member? Did YOU share your knowledge with us? Did YOU participate in at least one fund raising project this year; join a work party on one of our Civic Beautification Projects; serve as a hostess this year?

Congratulations, YOU deserve this '*Green Thumbs Up*'.



Green Thumbs Up

to Helen Turley, Jerry Shaul and Hans Doubusch for getting the Eli Stage Stop Civic Beautification Project approved. The First Phase will to build and place four planter boxes in front of the building. These box will be designed to resemble watering troughs. Mike Stevenson donated the redwood lumber. **Remember** to save this years' poppy and wild flower seeds for Phase Two.

Also, thanks to **Jerry** for installing a bench at the Hartley Cemetery—Memorial Garden.

Consider entering the Lake County Fair. The theme for 2012 is '*Summer's Last Blast*'. Barbara Swanson encourages you and the Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Arrangers to compete in the Flower Arranging categories.

Carmen Carpenter also wants to encourage participation—*she wants some competition!*

Moles, and Voles, and Gophers, oh my!

Greg Giusti gave an informative talk about these little pests in our gardens. Now you are armed with the info to rid your garden of these frustrating critters. Good Luck!



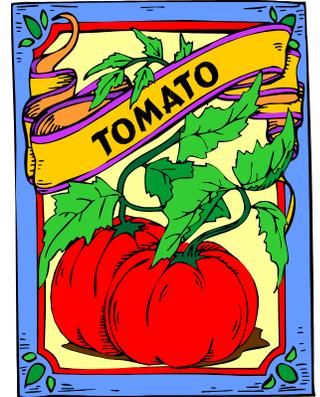
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The club meets at 12:00 pm
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**
(www.gardenclub.org)
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- **California Garden Club, Inc.**
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President: Julie West
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**
(www.mendolakegardenclub.org)
District Director: Virginia Stranske



Every Year a New Beginning!



Forget-me-nots

JUNE 2012

- 4-7 CGCI Convention—Sacramento
- 5 10:30am (Tues) Garden Therapy-Clearlake
- 7 10:30am (Thur) Garden Therapy-Lucerne
- 8 Happy Birthday Leanne Harvey!
- 12 Happy Birthday Gina Bell Smith!
- 12 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers
Theme: Miniature or Small Design
10:00am (Tues), St John's Episcopal Church
- 15 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah
- 18 Happy Birthday June Beto!

Tuesday, June 19th—5pm
2012-2013 Officer Installation Potluck
(No regular club meeting)

- 21 Happy Birthday June Dye!
- 23 Happy Birthday Donna I sley!
- 26 Happy Birthday Jay Swanson!
- 26 Happy Birthday Tammy Bransford!
- 27 Annual District Meeting (picnic)—
North Lake Garden Club Lucerne



*ENJOY
YOUR
SUMMER!*

Happy Birthday Summer Babies!