

# 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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## 2012-13 Officers:

### President:

Leanne Harvey

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Carol & Hans  
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Ginny Cline

### Secretary:

Helen Turley

### Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

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*SYNERGY (def)  
the interaction  
of two or more  
substances to  
produce a  
combined effect  
greater than the  
sum of their  
separate effects.*

## Thyme with President Leanne:



### One Reason Why CLTTGC Is Amazing!

**Daffodil Tea:** The daffodil blooms in our arrangements have faded, our special tea sets and dishes have all been put away, but the memories of that wonderful event will stay fresh in our minds much longer. Delighted and amazed, we stepped into the Grange made lovely - filled with Shirley's baskets, Ka-Ba-Tin arrangements, and lovely blooms, friends, members and guests.

We learned from Susan and Marva's clever 'Anatomy of a Daffodil' quiz that we still have much to learn, and learning keeps our minds strong and healthy. We were reminded of loved ones

whose special dishes, or tea pots or table linens we may have used. We thought of present and past members who were not able to attend and what riches they have brought into our lives. We were energized by the message of the daffodils that Carol related to us: One person can make a difference - one bulb or one good deed or action at a time.

Our Co-chairs, Susan and Marva, our mistress of Ceremonies, Carol, our table hostesses (Nancy, Carol B, Evy, Shirley, Leanne, Donna, Leslie, Linda P, Mary, Jo S, Barbara, Helen and Linda W) make a difference each day of their lives, as do the wonderful members who supported the tea in ways too numerous to mention.

Thank you for your tireless efforts for our club and our communities. Special thanks also to: Rena, Jo D, Nora, Sharon, Heide, Jerry, Jim, Suzanne, Doris, Donna, Diane, Sue, Fred, Mary, Ann, Hans, Claire, Ginny, Doris, Pam H, Pam C, Michelle, Christina, Tammy, Gladdy, Linda, Debra, Michelle, Jo J, Sunny, Joyce and every other member who attended or participated behind the scenes to make it happen.

All members who donated gifts and daffodils are to be thanked. The guests loved those special touches. Renker Farms once again supported our club by donating some of the daffodils.

Each of us, with our positive attitudes and our kind words and actions, make a positive difference each day.



*The daffodil blooms may fade, but the CLTTGC continues to bloom, grow, cherish and nurture.*

*Flora, Friends and Fun!*



**URGENT PLEA???** I've asked almost everyone. Carol D has agreed to be President and Helen has agreed to be our Secretary ... someone please step up for the offices of Vice President & Treasurer.....we can't have a club with out officers ... Suzanne Russell 707 263-7378

## SUNSHINE REPORT

by Marva Brandt



### Thinking of You - Carol K, Heide T, & Donna I, Doris E



#### LOST AND FOUND

**Misplaced:** Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club Sign - If we can't locate it by the next meeting, I need a volunteer to come a bit early and look through the Club House to see if it got hidden away somewhere.

Who's good at arranging closets?

**Found:** One white plastic bowl divided into three sections.



#### April's Featured Plant: Daylily

Daylilies are ornamental and useful too. Their buds and blooms are tasty and nutritious. Their roots and crowns are used in medicine. I haven't tried this and don't suggest it, but the juice of the roots is said to be an antidote for arsenic poisoning as well as an antidepressant. Dried foliage has been woven into footwear. (Probably bad for arch support.)

Growing tips:

- They are easy to grow in well drained garden soil in full sun
- They appreciate mulch, and all purpose fertilizer every 2-3 weeks or a time release fertilizer to save you time. You'll get more blooms longer if you fertilize religiously. Consistent watering will keep them happy.

Prune:

- Deadhead flowers when bloom is over to promote foliage growth. After all blooms are spent, remove the stems so all the energy goes into the plant and not into seed production. It makes your garden look tidy, too.

Propagate:

- Dig and separate every three years. Fall is a good time to do this after they have finished their blooming. Survival rate should be very good. Share your plants or replant them in a different sunny location.

#### Dear Dahlia,



**Q:** I started a mum cutting in December and, sadly, it didn't make it. Any ideas why it failed to thrive?  
Baffled

**A:** Dear Baffled

If you start a cutting or even a new plant in the cold weather, it can develop a mold in the stem that causes it to die. Here is a hint for the next time. Try keeping the soil warm in the house or with a warming pad so the mold can't start, & you'll have great luck.

*For any CLTTGC member that tried a start that didn't live, you are in luck. New shoots are coming up in Leanne's mum garden, and she would welcome members with trowels and gentle hands!*

Signed, Dear Dahlia

#### Green Thumbs Up



to **Jerry Shaul** for making a 'coveted' birdhouse for the Pacific Region's Conference.



#### TIPS

Tip for using lemons: Wash and freeze fresh lemons in a zip lock bag. Use them frozen. Just grate the lemon on a fine grater using skin, flesh and seeds. It is great in soups, salads, drinks or in any dish in which you like the taste of lemon. You may not use the entire lemon so just toss it back into a zip lock bag and use it until it is gone.

#### Diane Neilson

Toothbrush for gardening? I always get my hands dirty when I'm out in the garden, wearing gloves or no gloves, so to keep my fingernails clean, I leave a worn out very soft old toothbrush in the place I usually wash my hands to use on my fingernails when needed. **Leanne H**

Save money and storage space!

Floral tape is often used to secure your oasis in a floral arrangement, but if you don't have floral tape or wish to buy a specialty tape, use duct tape. It is easily torn into strips, and it works just as well to do the job especially now that you can get duct tape in a variety of colors!! **Leanne H**

I was in a small 'craft group sale' for 20 years. I had these for treats as we had refreshments. So many wanted them that I had little packages for sale. I would do 50 pounds of oranges at once. Yes, lots of mess!!!! They freeze very well, so I would make them ahead of time. Also, I used them in zucchini fruit bread which I sold. A little nostalgia! The Christmas House was retired 10 years ago. It was held in the old house on Clearlake Avenue, #60, drive by and see it as it is well kept. Ann Blue attended, can't think of any others at the moment. Carol Kesey and I, plus the owner of the house Cheryl Smith: we were quite the creative threesome. Carol and I did a lot of dried arrangements and cards. I had a specialty Bundt cake, rinds, dried pears & ginger cookies. Anyway, I still make a few rinds each year for a sweet taste and gifts. I usually bring them to the Tea.



Flowers, food, friends and fun, Shirley



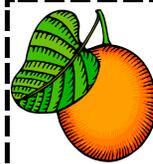
## Green Thumbs Up



**Susan and Marva**, What a wonderful Tea!!! All the special touches didn't go un-noticed; flower for each hostess, organized, game, welcoming, etc. Congratulations to the **many participants** that all helped to make the tea a success!



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## CANDIED CITRUS RINDS

For the Daffodil Tea I used whole oranges, sliced them and put them to boil. Usually I peel Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit, or large Oranges.

- Peel fruit, in quarters, and boil for 15 minutes or more, several times, rinsing with cold water each time.
- Syrup of 4 cups sugar and 2 cups water. Put drained peel in syrup and boil 45 minutes, then add large package of Jell-O. (Orange Jell-O for oranges, Lemon Jell-O for grapefruit)
- Boil another 15 minutes or longer, cooking down is good, but watch so will not stick burn.
- Drain on rack, after half a day or so, cut into strips, then roll in sugar. Let sit another day, and maybe sugar again.

The orange slices are the most fragile.

Note: Candied Orange Peel and Grapefruit have been at the Christmas House from the beginning. My cousin worked for Sunkist, and was always sending us oranges, we would even make fresh orange juice. I noticed the recipe in the Better Homes and Gardens Cookies and Candies Book, 1966, and made some. The extra ingredient here is the Jell-O. I would take this as a treat, and people would say, you ought to sell this! I found that boiling, and rinsing in cold water helps to take out any bitterness. With the grapefruit, the pink ones are better. Sometimes, even to let them soak overnight in-between 'boils' is good. Leaving the peel in quarters also makes for easier handling and damage during the boiling. Be prepared for a little mess. Store in the freezer, they are a good keeper. Serve with Lemon Lift Tea!

*The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it's the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him with his friend -*

Ralph Waldo Emerson





# 2013 Daffodil Tea







## Kitchen Garden Club Saturday, April 20, 1 PM

Learn to make a vegetable /fruit "bouquet."  
Make the ordinary into extraordinary.  
Call Leanne to let her know if you will be attending & to get directions to her house. 263-0850.

Participants please bring:

- Fruit or vegetable to share and to use in the "bouquet."
- Container for the "bouquet" and some floral foam.



## Green Thumbs Up



to **Leanne** for representing CLTTGC and working with the youth at the county-wide 4-H event "4-H Fling - Fashion, Food and Fun." Our Club was honored to be asked to organize one of the stations. Over 50 students participated and many adults were involved in the day that was full of learning and fun. The garden club provided vases, flowers, greenery and dried plant materials to the 4-H students for the event.

**Barbara Swanson & Shirley Estrem & Leanne Harvey** provided floral arrangements. Many CLTTGC members provided vases and all are to be thanked for making the event a success. Students took the arranging seriously, and they carefully made their arrangements. It was really fun to watch the children showing their parents and grandparents what they had created! They were very proud of what they accomplished. Some of the students took dried grasses, plant material, and flowers home and plan to make more arrangements. We even had time to talk about plant propagation and some parents were able to take ivy and rosemary home to start in their own yards.

The day was a big success and lots of fun!



## Mendo-Lake District Meeting Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

It's right here at the club house so it's a good time to see what the district does. Hope you can make it to the meeting and the luncheon. The food will be terrific because the Lower Lake High advanced Culinary Class will be providing a great luncheon. Brad Barnwell will be our speaker. We always enjoy Brad's pictures & birding expertise.

Be sure to get your \$15 check made out to CLTTGC and give to Leanne. Also, let her know if you want veggie quiche or bacon quiche.

Checks must be received by April 9<sup>th</sup> so a final count can be given to our caterer.

8:30am - I'll open up for workers to get in and get the tables set-up and decorated, etc. (Frogs and Lady bugs-Please bring some - Kabatin flower arrangements??? I'm hoping.)

9:00am -Morning food should arrive

9:30 -10:30am social time/refreshments

10:30am Business meeting starts

12:30pm Lunch

Speaker time to be arranged.



## Upper Lake Community Council is planning a Horticultural Happening April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Susan from the Tallman Hotel is hoping that one or more of our members might be interested in organizing a plant swap. Sounds like fun and many of you do have the expertise to fill this need. If you are interested and have those dates open, let me know or contact Susan at 275-2244 ex 501 to ask questions. She has outlined what the responsibilities would be and has attached an overview of the event that will be held in the red barn by the Blue Wing Saloon in Upper Lake.

## We have our plant sale

on May 11<sup>th</sup> so this date would not interfere. You would not be responsible for taking all your plants to swap. The events and speakers and the idea of this horticultural happening sounds like something our members would enjoy. Take a look and let Leanne know.



## 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: Shirley S Nicolai
- **Pacific Region**  
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- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org](http://www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org))  
President: Julie West
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakegardenclub.org](http://www.mendolakegardenclub.org))  
District Director: Virginia Stranske



## EXERCISE YOUR PASSIONS: FLORA, FRIENDS



## Forget-me-nots

April 2013

- 2 Garden Therapy-10:30am-Clearlake (YB-pg17)
- 9 Deadline for lunch reservations-ML Dist mtg
- 9 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
10am St John's Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport  
'Synergistic Design'
- 11 *Happy Birthday Heather Brezine!*
- 14 *Happy Birthday Suzanne Russell!*
- 16 Regular Garden Club Meeting  
11am Board Meeting  
12 noon Social Time



12:30pm Program

'Lake Co's Farmer's Markets'

Cornelia Sieber-Davis Master Gardener

1-1:30pm Flower roll Call

1:30pm Business Meeting

19 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

20 Kitchen Garden Club-1pm, Saturday (pg 7)

21 *Happy Birthday Heide Thomason!*

24 Mendo-Lake District Meeting - (pg 7)

CLTTGC Hosting

27-28 Horticultural Happening - (pg 7)

28 *Happy Birthday Jane Graham!*

**REMINDER:**

**UPCOMING PLANT SALE**

Newsletter's deadline-4th Tues (1 week from meeting date).