

# *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**

### **Vice President:**

**Carol & Hans Dobusch**

### **Treasurer:**

**Ginny Cline**

### **Secretary:**

**Helen Turley**

### **Parliamentarian:**

**Jo Shaul**

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## *Thyme with President Leanne:*



Each year the President picks a theme, compiles her year-book and then works very hard with all the club members to build on the past successes and make the CLTTGC stronger, better, more fun, more educational and do more to help our community. She sometimes feels she is hanging on by the skin of her teeth, but she persists and does her best.

At the mini-plant sale booth, I was so pleased to hear so many great comments from community members. They knew CLTTGC had crafted Meals on Wheels cards. They had plants

they had purchased from the CLTTGC that were thriving. People thanked us for helping at the Ely Stage Stop and doing the Civic Beautification at the Library, the Library Park, the West Side Park, the Blue Star Memorial and Hartley Cemetery. I was thanked for the work we do at Garden Therapy, Adult Respite in Lucerne & Clearlake, for our amazing Mum Show, 4-H flower arranging, Penney Pines, Kelseyville Kids Garden Club, and for our beautiful Christmas wreaths. Not every person knew all of what we do, because as a club, we are so very active in so many areas. We were praised for what we are doing now and for what we have done in the past. Several people said they were just waiting to retire so they could be part of our club.

I was going to name each of you by name and write all that you did to help the club and found there was so much to list, it was impossible. We are a team. We made it a year to learn and grow both plants and friendships. We may experience some changes in the future, but we will compromise and be stronger because of it. We will mentor new leaders. We are the CLTTGC, and we are proud of each other and our accomplishments.

Our club will continue into the future with our caring members. The more you give to an organization the more you get. Thank you for allowing me to be your President this year. You stepped up to make it work. You gave of your time and your knowledge, and you hold a special place in my heart. Each of you has made this year a special joy! Thank you! In health, *Leanne*

*Flora, Friends and Fun!*



# WELCOME

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## SUNSHINE REPORT

*by Marva Brandt*



*Thinking of You -*

*Shirley Estrem, Marva Brandt,  
Gladdy Bransford , Fred Veio*



Vision of Beauty 2015

Deadline is August 1, 2013

Individuals may submit 5 entries with one background for each entry. Check the National website for all the details. Jan Warshauer, Chair.



DISTRICT MEETING: Wednesday, June 26, 2013

9:30 sign-in

10:30 meeting

12:30 luncheon

Catered lunch by North State Café. Fresh fruit spring green salad with pecans, cherries and blue cheese. Organic mushroom Ragu on baked polenta with sage and 3 cheeses. Dessert will be brownies and choc chip cookies OR a special flourless chocolate cake. If you want the special chocolate cake, you must specify that with your reservation payment of \$15.

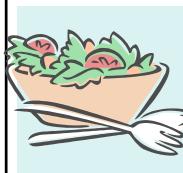
Reservation and payment due June 23.

Make checks to "Ukiah Garden Club."

Mail to PO Box 447, Ukiah, CA 95482

Carpool: We'll leave from Mendo-Lake Credit Union at 8:45. Let Leanne know if you will be attending so we won't drive away and leave you and so she will know who plans to attend so she can pick voting delegates.

## Summer Thai salad with a twist.

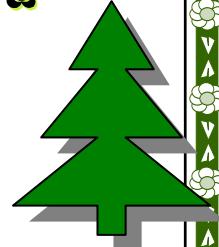


1 cup cooked, lentils and 1 cup cooked Quinoa. Use package directions and then refrigerate. After the lentils & quinoa are cold, mix in a bunch of fresh cilantro stemmed and slightly chopped to add a fresh flavor (leave a few un-chopped for garnish). You can add fresh ginger, sesame and lemon or cheat and add Ken's Asian Sesame with Ginger and Soy dressing using as much or as little as you like. Be sure to taste as you go along! Mix this all together. Make a first layer in a bowl of the mixed salad. Add a thin layer of asparagus slightly steamed or grilled and cut into 1" pieces. (Leave three pieces long for garnish). Add more of the mixed salad. Slightly mound the salad in the bowl. Around the edges add cherry tomatoes cut on a slant (or leave whole if you plan to use for more than one meal). I used almost a full package (but you can soon use yours from the garden). Also cut a lemon or two or more in half but with a fancy zigzag edge and grill these until they are slightly dark on just the top of the lemon. These can be added right at the end served warm or you can make them ahead of time. The lemons look great garnishing the dish & do add a fresh, zesty taste if squeezed on your cold summer salad. Add asparagus spears and a bit of the extra cilantro for additional garnish, and you have a yummy salad for hot weather. (Giant grilled Prawns can also be added to this salad if desired). Be a chef. Experiment!

Submitted by Leanne



## PENNY PINES



Marva Brandt  
receives  
62nd  
Penny Pines  
Certificate

## EARLY INSTALLATION:

President elect Carol Dobusch (who will not be attending our June meeting) was installed by current President Leanne Harvey. She was given corky little gifts to encourage her to have fun in the year ahead.



## Green Thumbs Up

Ann Blue, Ginny Cline and Leanne Harvey worked on Library Park Rounds getting them looking great for the Memorial Day weekend and the beginning of our summer season. Roses were cut back, Yellow Gazanias were planted & the grasses covering the Summer of Peace marker were expertly trimmed to enhance the area.

## Green Thumbs Up

To Susan Buckles, Chair of the Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Pictured is Marilyn Guenther (retiring 2013), a dedicated teacher who for many years has partnered with us with poster entries. This year's winners are Lillian and Jeffery.



## 2013-14 OFFICER INSTALLATION & YEAR END POTLUCK

Date June 18 – Noon

Scotts Valley Women's Club House  
Spouses Welcome!



10:30 Volunteers needed to set-up and do clean-up. Please call or email Leanne if you will be able to help.

Club will provide coffee and tea and hot water. Bring your own utensils and plates. Make it fancy or simple as you desire.

For the potluck bring an appetizer, salad, main dish or a dessert.

Kabatin members are invited to bring low table arrangements.



**FIELD TRIP:** June 9th, Star Garden Nursery PLUS Trailside Park Eco Arts event. Near Middletown. We can meet at the Mendo-Lake Credit Union parking lot on the Lake side at 10 AM to carpool if you live close to Lakeport. If you live in the Riviera, we can make a pick-up location at 10:15 at Kit's Corner.

The plan is to take the Trailside Park walk which is a flat walk less than 1/4 mile to see the garden art/eco arts ideas, and then we'll visit the Star Gardens in Middletown. We can bag lunch or??? Email or call Leanne to let her know that you will attend. This is a close and easy field trip that's not to be missed. No admission cost!

## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

Picnic on the Porch Fund" raiser for The Ely Stage Stop and County Museum. June 22 - This is a nice way to support them while enjoying the company of garden club members and other community members that have been helping. \$30. Call Pam Hendricks for reservation 279-0427.



**HAVE A WONDERFUL  
SAFE SUMMER!**

## How to Start Peonies From Cuttings

### Overview

Soft-stemmed perennials like peonies can be propagated by cuttings---provided that you cut far enough down the stem. Peony stems start in "eyes" that emerge from rhizomes just under the surface of the soil. Cuttings of the rhizome and growing from seed are the reliable ways to propagate these perennials. Rhizome cuttings, unlike seed-grown plants, generally bloom within a season or two of planting and always produce a plant identical to its parent. Make cuttings in the fall for spring blooms.

#### Step 1

Make a bushel basket or two of amended soil to fill planting holes; combine garden soil and peat moss, compost or manure in equal measure. Add a handful of bone meal, superphosphate or some other low-nitrogen fertilizer in each bushel of filler. Dig a hole about two feet deep and one foot square for each "division" or new plant---try to estimate the number you will have. You can always fill unused holes with soil. Give each plant about three feet of space on each side.

#### Step 2

Choose a day when the soil is moist, not dry, to start; if peony roots dry out, the plant will be set back and may not bloom next season. Dig peonies in the fall after clearing away summer mulch and cutting back dying foliage. Dig deeply underneath the roots with a spade or garden fork all the way around in order to lift the entire root ball. Once the ball is lifted, knock as much dirt off as possible using a hand cultivator or trowel. Work on one plant at a time if digging more than one peony.

#### Step 3

Gently clean the remaining dirt away from the rhizome---the fleshy root---and roots. Find the little eyes on the top half of the rhizomes. Be careful to avoid breaking any buds. These are the stem bases for new peony growth and, once broken, will not re-grow.

#### Step 4

Cut each rhizome into several pieces with a sharp knife. Each piece must have three to five eyes and a set of roots. Dust each section of the rhizome with an anti-fungal powder, available at most garden centers. If the peony that you are dividing is very old or very large, keep the roots moist with a spray bottle as you cut the rhizome.

#### Step 5

Discard any sections with discolorations or rot

and trim older or broken roots on divisions. Remove mushy roots---they may have "root rot" or nematodes. Suspend the rhizome over the hole and spread roots while filling the holes with amended soil. Set the rhizome so that the eyes sit no deeper than an inch or so beneath the surface when the hole is filled. Eyes buried deeper than two inches probably will not bloom. Plants should be set no deeper than an inch and a half in southern growing zones. When the hole is filled, water the new plant well.

Tips and Warnings: Don't pack dirt down on new plants tightly. You may break eyes or push them deeper than two inches. When in doubt, over fill the hole and set eyes as close as an inch below the surface.

#### Things You'll Need

Garden spade or fork

Sharp knife and scissors

Hand trowel or cultivator

Old paint brush

Anti-fungal dust

Peat moss, manure or compost

Low-nitrogen fertilizer, superphosphate or bone meal

Water

Spray bottle

Bleach or rubbing alcohol



## SPRING FLOWERS



## Green Thumbs Up



For a successful Plant Sale. Many, many thanks to **Jo Douville** and her helpers: **Leslie Jones** Co-Chaired; **Doris Ellsworth** sold \$60 worth of lovely aaa prior to the sale; **Jo and Jerry Shaul** brought their plants plus two truck loads donated by the Willits GC; **Leanne Harvey, Jo Douville, Barbara Swanson & Suzanne Russell** took the remaining plant and sold them at the Kiwanis Memorial Craft Show (spot donated by **Joyce Porterfield**) for a profit of \$180.25, This list is not complete either: so **many members** also helped set-up, clean-up, brought plants that they have been nurturing at home, sold and shared their knowledge bringing in \$1147.65. That is a **GRAND TOTAL (as of this newsletter)** of **\$1,327.90**. Well Done! This money can be used for all our garden related projects outlined in our club objectives. Two swans lined the driveway with lovely plants. **Hans and Carol** transported plants to Leanne's house after the last sale and **Ginny** added up the money and added to our account! So many growers and helpers make these events a pleasure. Thanks for all the hard work planting, caring, labeling and transporting plants, tables and for all the jobs that got done.



## 2013 Plant Sale

## WAXED FLOWERS

Bring the beauty of one-of-a-kind flowers into your home with this unique craft. Preserve one single rose in a bouquet... it'll be a surprise when all the other ones wither away...and one is left standing!

### Waxed Flowers How-To

1. Collect fresh, firm flowers that are fully opened. Avoid flowers with delicate petals, which wither in wax.
2. Melt a pound of paraffin wax in a double boiler — one that is wide and deep enough to immerse a flower head.
- Warning:** Paraffin is extremely flammable. Never melt paraffin directly over a flame.
3. Heat wax to 130 to 150 degrees, maintaining temperature throughout process with a thermometer. Tip: At a lower temperature, the wax will not coat flowers effectively; a higher temperature will scorch them.
4. Cut stems to at least 2 to 3 inches.
5. Holding each flower by the stem end, dip the flower head completely into wax. Immediately lift out, allowing excess wax to drip into pot.
- Tip:** If you're waxing a flower with many petal rounds, spoon wax into flower middle to fully cover. For tiny blooms (such as hyacinth), insert a toothpick into the center and dip into wax. You can also use tweezers.
6. Place each blossom's stem in floral foam or on its side on a parchment-paper-lined tray. It will harden completely in 5 minutes.
7. Once the blooms have hardened, wax their stems by holding bloom and dipping stem in wax.
8. To display the blooms, arrange a few flowers at different heights, bundle with a rubber band, and insert into a small cup (we used a mint julep cup) filled with wet oasis. Embellish with bird and butterfly ornaments, and put under a display dome. You may also choose to cut the stems off completely and arrange them around a candle pillar. Waxed flowers should last for about a week



## WAXED FLOWERS-Tool & material list

Double boiler	Paraffin wax
Scissors	Thermometer
Spoon	Wet oasis
Toothpick	Small cup
Tweezers	Display dome
Floral foam or tray lined with parchment paper	Rubber band
Fresh flowers	Small bird and butterfly ornaments
	Candle pillar (optional)



### *Green Thumbs Up*



District meeting Thanks: **Barbara Swanson, Ann Blue & Jo D.** for lovely flower arrangements. **Joyce Porterfield** for painting Lady Bugs. **Nora** for frogs and lady bugs for district decorations and stepping stone for opportunity drawing. **Pam & Diane** for coffee and tea. **Pam Held** for security and organization. **Barbara** for greeting. **Pam, Shirley & Barbara** for table-cloths.



Required reading you'll actually be glad you read! MUMS! I finally found the book I should have had all the time. It's called Mum's the Word: Secrets to Growing Chrysanthemums for Home or Show by Pat Stockett Johnson- 2012. You can borrow a copy from the Lake County Library System. Wow! This book would have saved me all kinds of frustration and many more of you would have received Christmas mums that survived. 38 pages of useful information.

Also, If you like hands-on garden projects and you have more time and creativity than you have money, you might like Creative Concrete for the Garden- Making Pot, Planter, Birdbaths and Sculptures and More. Check it out from the Lake County Library. Author Sherri Warner Hunter

Leanne

## FLOWER ROLL CALL

Diane has a special piece of art that her body produced. I'll let you ask her.



Sunny's Mother  
cruelled flowers on a  
Levi Shirt leaving her  
a Special Memory.



## Green Thumbs Up

We have all enjoyed the many article in the Record Bee and on lakeconews.com - All thanks to **Debra Watson**. She has done a wonderful job informing the public of our activities and supplying Jo Shaul with article for our publicity Book.



**Greg Giusti, County Director,  
skillfully broke down  
the debate *for & against*  
GMO's  
(Genetically  
Modified  
Organisms).**



## Green Thumbs Up

Thanks to donations of sedums from **Jo Jameson & Linda Pyers** the little rock garden planter at the front of the Lake County Library is looking much better these days. Thumbs up to **Barbara Swanson** for her faithful service keeping the garden looking good.



Two more TERRIFIC GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS received the Badge!  
(I apologized for not getting their picture).

**Congratulations  
Marva Brandt and Debra Watson.**

## **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
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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**

**JUNE 2013**

- 4 Garden Therapy-10:30am-Lucerne (YB-pg17)
- 6 Happy Birthday Leanne Harvey!
- 9 FIELD TRIP: Star Garden Nursery /  
Trailsides Park Eco Arts event p3.
- 11 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
10am St John's Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport  
'Table Design-exhibition Mode Type II'
- 18 2013-14 Officer Installation  
& Year End Potluck  
Scott's Valley Women's Club House  
(See page 3 for details)

- 21 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers– Ukiah
- 21 *Happy Birthday June Dye!*
- 22 Picnic on the Porch - Ely Stage Fundraiser p3.
- 23 *Happy Birthday Donna Isley!*
- 26 *Happy Birthday Tammy Bransford!*
- 26 *Happy Birthday Jay Swanson!*



**Time to pay  
club dues!**

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