

# 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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## 2013-14 Officers:

### President:

**Carol Dobusch**

### Vice President:

**Marva Brandt &  
Susan Buckles**

### Treasurer:

**Debra Watson**

### Secretary:

**Helen Turley**

### Parliamentarian:

**Jo Shaul**

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## Chores: Nov/Dec

- \* Water trees.
- \* Shop for bulbs.
- \* Clear debris from base of roses.
- \* Plant shrubs and evergreens.
- \* Amend you soil.
- \* Plant fall annuals.
- \* Lower the height on you lawn mower.
- \* Divide & cut back perennials.

## DOWN TO EARTH with President Carol

Discussions on favorite seasons of the year always prove interesting. If asked for my favorite season, I'm never sure what my answer will be at any given time. However, while my choice might be as variable as the seasons themselves, other folks seem to be able to pinpoint which they like best and why. Many, in fact, are passionate in their choice, Take Edna St. Vincent Millay, for example, whose poem, "God's World," resonates with such deep emotion that it leaps to the forefront of my memory each October when I feel overcome by autumn's stained-glass colors. She writes:

*" O world, I cannot hold thee close enough!  
Thy winds, thy wide grey skies!  
Thy mists, that roll and rise!  
Thy woods, this autumn day, that ache and sag,  
And almost cry with color....."*

What a gift the sense of sight is, and what a treasure it is to live in such a beautiful county. We have it all: the mountains, the valleys, the wide blue/grey skies, the stars at night, the lake, the occasional mists, the woods aflame with rich tapestries of vibrant colors, and so much more! It would be impossible not to nearly swoon in admiration.

Millay's words sum up my feelings:

*" Here such a passion is  
As stretcheth me apart. Lord, I do fear  
Thou'st made the world too beautiful this year...."*

May you all carry memories of autumn's glory in your hearts this season, and may you match its beauty in all that you say and do as you **create** happiness in the lives of others, as you **enliven** holiday celebrations with your joy, and as you **elevate** others' spirits with the alleluia of Thanksgiving.

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## NOVEMBER HOSTESSES



**Claire Grieve  
Jo Jameson  
Jo Shaul**



**SUNSHINE REPORT** by Nancy Benkelman

**Doris Ellsworth  
Carol Brabrook**



*Happy Birthday!*

**Thomas Welsh 11/4  
Carol Dobucsh 11/27**

**Motion was approved to changes  
to Bylaws a/o Oct 15, 2013.**

## *Green Thumbs Up*



Extraordinaire Members recognized during the October meeting. **Evy Escalante, Shirley Estrem, Sue Gardner-Neumann and Diane Neilson. CONGRATULATIONS!**



## **BOARD MEETING:**

To shorten our meetings, we ask any committee chairpersons wanting to be placed on the agenda to contact Secretary, Helen Turley, by email by the Friday preceding our General Meeting.

**NOTE:** CLTTGC Board meetings are held on the Friday preceding our club meeting. All officers, committee chairs, and interested parties are welcome to attend.

**Next board meeting: Nov 15, 2pm at the Sun House.** Directions: go north on Lakeshore Blvd (out of town), turn left on Rainbow Rd, right on Howard Ave, and the left up lane marked Turley - address is 2655 Howard Ave.

## **"SHOW TIME FOR MUM 2013" CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW KABA-TIN REDBUD ARRANGERS CLEAR LAKE TROWEL AND TRELIS**

example

**TRIANGLE  
"SUNSET"  
ARRANGER**

Style  
Name of Arrangement  
Arranger's Name

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 8, 2013  
SHOW TIME: 1-4pm**

**Lakeport Yacht Club  
5th St launch ramp**

**Set-up 9-12am**

*Shirley Estrem*



Everyone who needs some mums come by Wednesday, Nov 6th, say noon -2 PM." I think that will give people enough time. "Other people have some...Susan, Evy I think. Maybe we could have an exchange. So bring some cut mums, and we'll have a MUM SWAP and hope we have lots of variety. (Boy, I miss Carol Kesey being the best grower.)"

"I am having computer problems so if I don't respond do call if you need me. 263-0850 or for directions!"

*Leanne Harvey*

**Invite Friends!**

## **CHRISTMAS WREATHS BOW MAKING WORK SHOP:**

Mark your calendar:

**Thursday  
November 14th, 2013  
9:00am**

**Home of Barbara Swanson  
Address in Yearbook**

**NOTE: Missing  
from yearbook.**





**CEMETERY CHAPEL:**

During November, after leaf fall, members will be called upon to participate in general maintenance and clean-up.



**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:**

Tuesday, December 17  
Scotts Valley Women's Club  
Catered by: Rosie Cooks  
Bring your own table Setting  
\$19.00 (tip not included)



Coffee  
&  
Tea  
Provided

Be ready to pay & make your selection on 11/19:

- 1) Chicken with Champaign Gravy, mash potatoes, and green bean.
- 2) Stuffed Portabella Mushroom and root vegetables. (Vegetarian Dish).



**NATIVE FLORA:**

Transplant between late November and mid-March, after first rains. Soil must provide good drainage. Use slow release fertilizer (preferably organic) and drip irrigate deeply until root system is established.

Jerry Shaul, Native Chair



**ELY STAGE STOP:**

Bring all of your extra daffodil bulbs to the November meeting. After the rains have thoroughly soaked the soil, watch for the planning of a picnic and planting party at the Ely Stage Stop on a Saturday or Sunday from 10:00--3:00 p.m.



**GOURD HOLIDAY ORNAMENT WORKSHOP:**

Tuesday, November 19th, at 10:00am in the clubhouse... Michelle Wisler- Instructor.

Bring: An apron or extra embellishments if you wish. We will provide egg gourds, raffia, cord, glitter, dye, Latex-free gloves.  
This will be a fun workshop.



Program: "Gourd talk" with Marilyn Crayton, founder of the Bachelor Valley Gourd Club.



**GOURD FILED TRIP:**

Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> ... join us at 10:00am at the Mendo Lake parking lot on 11<sup>th</sup> street near Safeway. We'll head to Lucerne for brunch at the Alpine café...check out the website [alpinecafeandgrill.com/](http://alpinecafeandgrill.com/)). Eat a light breakfast, food looks great there. Then we will go across the street to the Lakeside Art and gifts at Harbor Lake Village Artist complex where Linda Kelly, a gourd club member, will show us assorted gourds by local artists. And we can do a little holiday shopping while there. As a bonus we'll take a quick peek at nearby Lakeview Market where they have grass-fed meats. They take pride in their butcher shop. And provide free



delivery to people on the other side of the lake. Lastly, we'll head to Upper Lake to Diego Harris Gallery. He will demonstrate some gourd art techniques and answer questions about gourds. He also has some nice jewelry that he sells. It will be a fun little local trip before the holidays.



FIELD TRIP: Fort Bragg overnight

**CORRECTION:** Just received a notice from the Botanical Garden in Fort Bragg. They changed the dates of their **Festival of Lights Event** in December. We would be going on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> as they blacked out the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make change in yearbook. More information will be coming on this. We will have to get moving on this in order to make hotel reservations... \$10.00 admission featuring live music.



## SAGE ADVISE

Believe it or not, used paper grocery bags are really useful.



Try these tricks:

1. **Make Compost:** Since brown paper bags are a first-class source of carbon, tear them up or shred them and toss the pieces into your compost bin...OR...just bury the pieces in your garden where they'll break down and improve your soil in the process

2. **Get Rid of Weeds:** If you're making a path, walkway, etc. trample or mow down any tall weeds then spread brown paper bags on top, over-lapping as you go, until you have a layer of three or four bags. Next, add whatever foot-friendly substance you want like gravel, bark, etc. If you want a planting bed, pile 6 to 8 inches of topsoil and compost on the bags, and you're good to go.

3. **Protect Your Plants from the Cold:** In the spring, though the calendar says it's time to plant, Ma Nature may still be capricious. Paper bags may help give you some weather insurance. At planting time, as you dig each hole, set a paper bag (opened and upright) inside so that the top 10 or so inches of it are above soil surface. Fill the bag to soil level with your planting mix, roll the bag top down to form a collar on outside of the bag, and plant your seedling. At first sign of frost, roll up the collars on your bags and fasten them closed with a clothespin or two. Your plants will stay cozy and warm inside. After all danger of frost has passed, simply cut off as much of your bag as you can, leaving the rest alone to decompose.

4. **Harvest Your Seeds:** When your flowers fade and the seedpods start turning brown, cover each plant with a brown paper bag, and tie it closed at the bottom with twine. Then when the stems turn brown, clip off the plant at ground level, tip the bag over, and take it indoors. Give the bag a good shake every few days to loosen the seeds. When you hear loose seeds rattling around, remove the twine, cut off the stems, and store the bag in a cool dry place until planting time.

5. **Keep your windshield ice-free:** Cut paper bags down the sides to open them up, spread them across the wind-shield and secure them in place with the wiper blades. In the morning, toss them into the compost pile, into your recycling bin, or put them aside to reuse them.

6. **Keep your car's interior cool in summer:** Can't find your windshield protector? Use paper bags instead. Cut them open, lay them against the inside of your windshield, and lower your visor to hold the paper in place!

7. **Keep your steering wheel cool:** Cut a 10-inch slit in one side of a brown paper bag and slip the bag over your steering wheel!

8. **Ripen tomatoes faster:** If you have to pick 'em while they're green or even semi-green, put them in a brown paper bag and store at room temperature. The bag will help to retain the natural gasses that cause the fruit to ripen, If you have a ripe apple, toss it into the bag, too, ---it'll give off gases that speed up the ripening process even more. NOTE: The same trick works for fruit, too. Try it on peaches, pears, avocados, bananas, and apples.

9. **Keep Onions Fresh Longer:** Whether home-grown or supermarket produce, onions can be kept at their peak freshness and flavor for two or three months if you put them in a brown paper bag and store them in the bottom shelf of your refrigerator.

10. **Dry Herbs:** In order to retain their volatile oils, herbs need to dry in near total darkness. If no room in your house meets that requirement, you can create it this way: Gather the sprays into bunches of five to six stems each, tie with twine, then put each bunch upside down in a paper bag, making sure that the herbs are not touching the bottom of the bag. Now, fasten the top of the bag with a rubber band and hang the bundles from anything that'll hold them.



*"Gratitude is a becoming trait.  
It sweetens life, cements the bonds of  
friendship, gives cheer to fellowship, and  
makes benevolence a joy."*

James Henry Potts



James Harvey  
 Receives  
 63rd Penny Pines  
 Certificate

CONGRATULATION!



## Green Thumbs Up



Wonderful adventure! Thank you so much **Jim Harvey** for guiding us and giving us so much information. When it comes to forestry, you are a walking encyclopedia. We couldn't have had a more beautiful day to visit Penny Pines. This was the best time to be in the Mendocino Forest amongst the pines with so many trees changing color and glorious views of the lake a bonus. Nine club members shared stories and food alike. **Ann Blue** brought some wonderful smelling cookies that were a big hit.



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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 in Lakeport

### Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org))  
National President: Linda Nelson
- **Pacific Region**  
([www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org))  
Director: Elaine Gunderson
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.californiagardenclubs.org](http://www.californiagardenclubs.org))  
President: Rita Desilets
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakedistrict.org](http://www.mendolakedistrict.org))  
District Director: Rhea Pitchard

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## Forget-me-nots

NOVEMBER 2013

- 7 Garden Therapy - 10:30am, Thur, Lucerne.
- 8 Chrysanthemum Show - 1pm-4pm, Fri  
Yacht Club, 5th St Launch Ramp  
Set-up 9am-12pm  
INVITE FRIENDS! (see page 3)
- 12 Lake Kaba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
10am St John's Episcopal Church  
1190 N Forbes St, Lakeport  
Spatial Thrust Design
- 15 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah
- 15 Board Meeting, 2pm, Helen's Sun House
- 19 Regular Club Meeting  
10:00am Workshop: Gourd Ornaments  
Teacher: Michelle Wisler  
12:00pm Social Time

12:30pm Program: 'Gourd Talk'  
Marilyn Crayton, Founder  
Bachelor Valley Gourd Club  
1:00pm Flower Roll Call  
1:30pm Business meeting

**Christmas Luncheon: Make selection & pay  
Wreath Order forms & money due.  
Bring Daffodil bulbs for Eli Stage Project.**

TBA WORK PARTIES: Hartley Chapel &  
Eli Stage Stop  
22 Field Trip: Harbor Village Lakeside Art Co-op  
Fri, 10am, (see page 3)

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

